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Arms cache found in Belfast hospital after IRA massacre of eight soldiers

Security to be reviewed but no internment

- **The Prime Minister has ordered an urgent review of security in the wake of the IRA's murder of eight soldiers**
- **The reintroduction of internment has been ruled out by Mrs Thatcher, in spite of renewed demands by Unionists**
- **Bomb-making equipment, guns and ammunition have been discovered at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast**
- **A decision to scrap easily identifiable British Forces car registration plates in Germany is expected this week (Page 2)**

By Michael Evans in London and David Sapsted in Belfast

The Prime Minister, enraged by the murder of eight young soldiers by the IRA on Saturday, has ordered a security review and an immediate examination of measures to strengthen the fight against terrorism.

However, she has ruled out the internment of 60 to 80 known IRA terrorists, according to Whitehall sources yesterday, in spite of appeals by Unionist politicians.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, described as "very angry" about the latest IRA atrocity, will be sent a report of an urgent Army and police investigation launched at the weekend.

She ordered the security review after a crisis meeting at Downing Street on Saturday evening. Sources said she made no accusations about security lapses when she and Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, spent two hours with Lieutenant-General Sir John Waters, General Officer Commanding (GOC) in Northern Ireland and Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

However, General Waters launched a full-scale inquiry yesterday into all the security and intelligence questions raised by the accuracy of the 200lb bomb that blew the Army coach off the A5 road to Omagh in the early hours of Saturday morning.

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A detailed assessment of the IRA's latest campaign is also expected to be produced by the Director and Co-ordinator of Intelligence (DCI), who is based in Belfast. This senior unnamed official, appointed by Mrs Thatcher, is responsible for analysing all intelligence collected by the various security agencies working in Ulster.

Sources said the current security review embraced all the recent attacks on military personnel, including those on the Continent.

The recent "successes" achieved by the IRA's Tyrone brigade, reformed after eight of its members were killed by the SAS at Loughall in May last year and responsible for the outrage at the weekend, will increase pressure for a larger intelligence investment in Ulster.

Although police and intelligence services have helped to foil a number of big IRA operations, including the Gibraltar plot in March, more resources are needed to counter terrorists operating close to the border with the Irish Republic. "Targeting the terrorists is very expensive", one source said.

Yesterday, as forensic science experts continued to examine the coach before the A5 road to Omagh was reopened, bomb-making equipment, guns and a substantial supply of ammunition were discovered at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast, where two of the most seriously injured victims of the Omagh bombing are being treated.

A spokesman for the hospital said staff were appalled at the arms find. "That a place dedicated to helping the injured in Northern Ireland should be used to store such things is quite intolerable", he said.

Six of the 27 soldiers injured in the Omagh bombing remain "very seriously ill", the condition of two of the men worsening overnight. A number of the others were also reported to be in a serious condition.

The Army decided to start moving 12 of those less badly hurt from Tyrone County Hospital in Omagh to the more secure, military wing of the Musgrave Park Hospital in Belfast yesterday. They were ferried from the hospital in army helicopters.

Others who survived the bombing are now in the Royal Victoria Hospital, the Altnagelvin Hospital in Londonderry and in Dundonald and Dungannon.

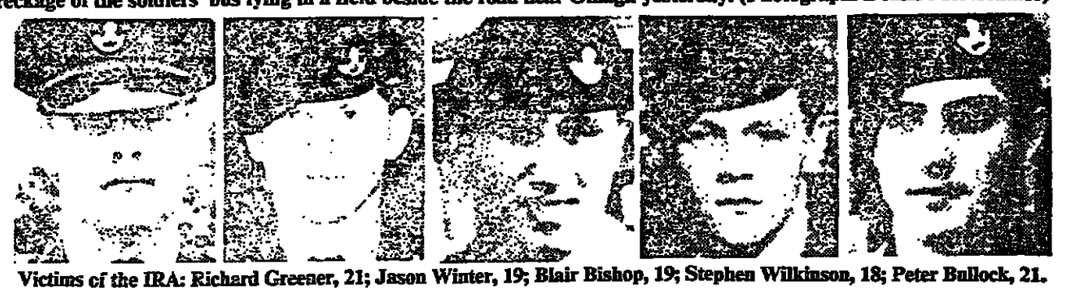
The injured in Tyrone County Hospital were visited yesterday morning by General Waters and a memorial service was held at Omagh barracks for the eight who died. Elsewhere, in churches throughout Northern Ireland, there were prayers for the dead.

More IRA arms were discovered yesterday in the Irish Republic. About 70 mortar bombs were found at a farm near Dublin, packed

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The charred and twisted wreckage of the soldiers' bus lying in a field beside the road near Omagh yesterday. (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)



Victims of the IRA: Richard Greener, 21; Jason Winter, 19; Blair Bishop, 19; Stephen Wilkinson, 18; Peter Bullock, 21.

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Olympics hope

Coe may be given Seoul invitation

By David Miller

Sebastian Coe, the unique double Olympic champion at 1500 metres, could be given an unprecedented grace-and-favour invitation by the International Olympic Committee to participate in the Olympic Games in Seoul although not selected by Britain.

The possibility emerged over the weekend during discussions among international sports officials. The door has been opened by, ironically, the British Amateur Athletic Board, whose council had excluded Coe from the British team after he was nominated by their own selectors.

In his reply to last week's request by Antonio Juan Samaranch, the IOC president, for reconsideration of Coe's position, Ewan Murray, the Board chairman, said the selection decision was irreversible. But he then added in his letter to Samaranch that the Board would "have no hesitation in confirming our agreement" should the IOC wish to invite Coe to Seoul as the reigning 1500m champion. Coe is the only double winner in history.

Such a decision would not only let the Board off the hook, following their controversial over-ruling of the selectors by one vote. More significantly, it would reflect astonishment and sympathy for Coe within the world-wide Olympic movement at his exclusion by his own country. Samaranch's initiative, far from being a unilateral gesture, has the support of executive board members of the IOC and some officials of the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

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Kevan Gosper of Australia, a 1956 400m relay silver medallist who is on the IOC executive board and is a potential future president, was in touch with Samaranch before the letter was sent to

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Soviet crackdown as Prague remembers

By Our Foreign Staff

As 10,000 people protesting against the 1968 Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia marched through the streets of Prague yesterday, hundreds of Soviet police and security forces brutally put down a demonstration in central Moscow by members of a would-be opposition political party demonstrating against the invasion.

With shouts of "Freedom" and Long live Dubcek", the Prague demonstrators — in the largest protest since the first anniversary of the Soviet incursion — filled Wenceslas Square. There were at least three arrests.

In Moscow, bewildered onlookers out for a stroll in the sunshine cried: "Fascists," and "Look at our Communist Party in action" as they watched about 50 protesters being dragged into police buses. Some women were pulled by the hair, while men were punched or kicked as they were bundled into buses. Members of the Democratic Union, the political party set up in May to challenge the supremacy of the Communist Party, gathered just before 4 pm opposite Pushkin Square, which in the last few months has become known as Moscow's Hyde Park Corner. The demonstration had been banned.

As the protesters and onlookers gathered, police with loud hailers ordered them to disperse or face the "legal consequences". Under new regulations made public last month, up to 15 days' jail and fines of £300 can be imposed for attending an illegal demonstration.

Uniformed police, KGB secret police and members of a new special anti-riot force then moved in, linking arms in a human chain to force the demonstrators away.

One Western reporter had his notebook snatched in the ensuing brawl and a KGB photographer was only saved after a colleague identified him saying: "Stop, he's one of ours."

It was the most striking example of police violence at a Moscow demonstration since February last year, when protesters and Western journalists had been beaten up during the campaign for the release of the former Jewish political prisoner, Iosif Begun.

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A tract the Democratic Union managed to distribute before the demonstration called the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia a "crime" and appealed to Soviet authorities to pull out Soviet troops.

Tass later called the planned demonstration a "provocation". The demonstration had been outlawed because the Democratic Union "had tried to portray the Soviet state's policy in a deliberately distorted light".

While the authorities had been expected to crack down on yesterday's demonstration the brutality was unexpected at a time when *glasnost*, or openness, is being reaffirmed. But authorities have made it clear that the Democratic Union is considered anti-Soviet.

Soviet media hardly touched on the 1968 anniversary at the weekend, but Tass chastized the West for its "uncalled for attempts to test Soviet *perestroika* for democratism" by calling on Moscow to reassess its attitude to the 1968 event. Mr Gorbachov has so far proved singularly unwilling to reinterpret the events that culminated in the crushing of the Prague Spring.

● **Polish challenge:** Strikes by miners demanding the reinstatement of the banned trade union movement, Solidarity, have prompted the Polish leader, General Wojciech Jaruzelski to warn that "appropriate decisions" had been taken. Some observers expect military intervention.

Iran allows envoy to see Briton

Iran yesterday removed a further obstacle to better relations with Britain by allowing a Foreign Office envoy to visit Mr Nicholas Nicola, a Londoner held in Tehran's Evin security prison.

Mr David Reddaway, Britain's first diplomat in Tehran for more than a year, spent 30 minutes with Mr Nicola, aged 23, who was arrested in 1986, and found him fairly cheerful.

Mr Reddaway is expected to be given access soon to Mr Roger Cooper, a businessman and journalist who has been held at Evin since 1985.

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Indian earthquake kills 500

Delhi (Reuter) — The strongest earthquake to hit the Himalayan foothills in more than 50 years killed more than 500 people along the India-Nepal border yesterday.

The earthquake levelled hundreds of houses and doctors treating victims in remote towns and villages said they had run out of blood for transfusions.

Officials said they expected the death toll to rise and a leading Indian seismologist warned that more earthquakes were likely soon.

In Nepal, state radio reported more than 250 people dead. The worst-hit areas were Biratnagar and Dharan in the south-east. In Biratnagar, the earthquake killed at least 70 people, witnesses said. The injured had filled the wards of Biratnagar's main hospital and forced doctors to accommodate others in the grounds.

The witnesses quoted doctors as saying they had run out off blood to treat the injured.

In nearby Dharan, the earthquake killed at least 125 people and flattened the marketplace and the suburb of Bijayapur. It also demolished 90 per cent of the houses in Dharan, a popular recruiting centre for Gurkhas joining the British Army, they added.

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Both Nepali and Indian officials said they were expecting more casualties from interior areas and feared the death toll could rise much higher.

US scientists said the earthquake, which occurred just before dawn, measured 6.7 on the open-ended Richter scale at its epicentre along the Indo-Nepali border in the foothills of the Himalayan mountain range.

It was the strongest in the sub-Himalayan terrain on the India-Nepal border since January 15, 1934, an Indian seismologist said.

Mr H.N. Srivastava, the Indian deputy director general (seismology), warned that more tremors were likely in the next few days.

The Press Trust of India quoted unofficial sources as saying that more than 150 people were killed and 1,200 hurt in the northern state of Bihar, which borders Nepal.

In Darbhanga, the earthquake injured more than 800 people and brought down several houses.

The agency said that at least 14 children were killed and nearly 100 others were injured in Quilaghat.

Zia crash detentions

From Nicholas Beeston, Islamabad

More than 100 people have been detained and 500 interrogated near the airport of Bahawalpur, from which President Zia's aircraft took off moments before it exploded and crashed, killing all 35 people on board last week.

The authorities have now registered the crash as a sabotage attack.

Most of those detained were apparently airport security staff and baggage handlers. Investigators also questioned and detained locals involved in growing and transporting mangoes after it was revealed that 20 cases of the fruit were loaded on board the Hercules C130 aircraft.

Military experts said that if an explosive device was smuggled on board it would have had to be the work of a highly sophisticated team.

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Philosophy lessons courtesy of Mickey Mouse

By Alan Hamilton

Now children, in today's critique of pure reason Aristotle will be played by Mickey Mouse and the part of Wittgenstein will be taken by Donald Duck.

The 1,000 delegates at the 18th World Congress of Philosophy which opened in Brighton yesterday might look down in disdain from their Olympian heights of intellect on the world of Disney. But Lord Halsbury, president of the Royal Philosophical Society, suggested in his opening address that using familiar cartoon characters could be a way of introducing children to the ideas of ethical choice without scaring them off the study of philosophy for life.

British philosophy is, on the whole, in a bad way. Most of its giants such as Russell and Ryle are dead, and the University Grants Committee recently forced the closure of seven out of 44 philosophy departments. When Lord Halsbury complained of the closures to the Department of Education and Science, he said, he received the response that genius in isolation would always survive. Socrates, he observed, did not.



Soviet philosophers listening to translations at the Brighton congress.

In spite of languishing in the intellectual doldrums, Britain nevertheless won its bid to stage this year's congress against stiff competition from East Germany and Argentina. The conference, held every five years, is an important event in the philosophical world, and already the Soviet Union and Kenya are arguing for the right to stage the next one.

This year's attendance is 200 down on the record turnout for the last congress, in Montreal. "There are more philosophers in the province of Quebec than in the whole of Britain", Dr Allen Phillips Griffiths, professor of philosophy at Warwick University and director of the conference, said. "Some say that the zing has gone out of British philosophy and moved across the Atlantic."

By far the biggest representation is from the United States, which has sent 180 philosophers, followed not surprisingly by the host nation with 100, and the Soviet Union with 70.

The Russians are likely to be a big focus of attention, as in the era of glasnost they appear to be moving rapidly from a view of Marx the scientific economist to Marx the deeply warm human philosopher.

Surprisingly, no nation has imposed an academic boycott in spite of the presence of 13 South African philosophers.

There are six Irish thinkers, eight Chinese sages, 19 Bulgarian intellectuals, and a professor of philosophy from Outer Mongolia, whose overriding intellectual problem has been to find a Brighton hotel willing to

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Jon Speelman leads Nigel Short 3-1 in the World Chess quarter-final. In the third game Short suffered one of the most crushing defeats of his career.....Page 12

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There is growing pressure for Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, to tighten fiscal policy with what would amount to an autumn mini-Budget. Page 19

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NEWS ROUNDUP

New jail row as Holloway settles

Prison officers at Strangeways, Manchester, will today start industrial action while colleagues at Holloway women's prison, north London, prepare to return to work after accepting a peace formula on Saturday. Strangeways last night had 1,655 prisoners, making it one of Europe's most overcrowded jails. Staff are taking action in a local dispute over manning levels and will refuse to handle new remand prisoners and those returning from court appearances.

Officers at Norwich prison and Parkhurst, on the Isle of Wight, are also refusing to take new inmates until their certified normal accommodation is reached. At Holloway a Prison Department review team, with two branch members of the Prison Officers' Association, is expected to examine working practices at the prison.

Fourteen establishments, mostly women's prisons, are likely to call off sympathy action. However, officers at Styal women's prison, Cheshire, have threatened to continue refusing new admissions because of their own grievances.

'Ghosts' in strike vote

Thousands of ghost workers who have received ballot papers could influence the result of the vote of 13,000 striking shipyard workers who this week decide whether to end their 12-week strike at the Vickers yard in Barrow, Cumbria. Yesterday an AEU official in the town said that two of the 12 unions involved have sent postal ballot papers to all their members living in the town regardless of where they work. He said: "We estimate that 3,000 men who don't work in the yard have received voting forms. We fear the result may be seriously affected."

JP's son stabbed

Mrs Gene McKean, aged 52, a magistrate, has called for stiffer sentences for crimes of violence after her son, Desmond Swinhoe, aged 16, was stabbed in Gosford Park, Coventry. The leader of the gang that attacked him is said to have shouted: "Your mother sent us down". Last night he was in the intensive care unit of Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital. Mrs McKean said: "It appears sometimes that the punishment does not fit the crime. I am for longer sentences for crimes of violence where weapons are used."

Councillors owe rent

The chairman of Liverpool City Council is one of those owing the authority £65 million in rent and rate arrears, it has been revealed. Mrs Dorothy Gavin, the Labour councillor who took over as chairman after this year's elections, was reported to owe more than £1,000 in rent on her semi-detached home in Norris Green. Mr Peter Coventry, deputy housing chairman, and Mr Peter Ledwich, a councillor, also owe rent on their houses. The councillors' debts were disclosed as the authority started a campaign to reclaim money owed in rents, rates and other debts.

Lords reform sought

The Social Democratic Party believes peers should be stripped of their seats and votes in the House of Lords and replaced with a half-elected, half-nominated assembly. An SDP Green Paper, to be discussed at the party's annual conference next month, says it is undemocratic and anachronistic to have a second chamber whose membership is based predominantly on the principle of hereditary privilege and a political balance determined essentially by the patronage of the Prime Minister.

'Walter Gabriel' dies

Chriss Gittins, aged 86, the radio actor who played Walter Gabriel for 35 years in *The Archers*, died in his sleep at a nursing home in Stourbridge, West Midlands, yesterday morning. His final performance will be broadcast on Thursday. The BBC will not recast his part.

Stricter security is likely as Northern

King has talks on security as IRA steps up terror drive

By David Sapsted and Michael Evans

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, held talks with security chiefs in the province yesterday in an attempt to devise new strategies against the mounting wave of IRA terrorism.

The Northern Ireland Office refused to disclose the contents of the talks except to say that they centred on issues raised by discussions on Saturday involving the Prime Minister, Mr King, Sir John Hermon, the RUC Chief Constable and Lieutenant General Sir John Walters, Army Commanding Officer in Northern Ireland.

Arguments over the reintroduction of internment were believed to have been discussed but the main topic appeared to be the possibility of new counter-terrorist measures by the Army and police.

It was also disclosed yesterday that the special number plates used by British forces in Germany are likely to be replaced with normal UK plates in an attempt to make it more difficult for terrorists to identify army targets.

Six of the soldiers injured in the Omagh bombing were said by the Army to be "very seriously ill", the condition of two of the men worsening overnight.

A number of the other 21 were also reported to be in a serious condition.

The Army decided yesterday afternoon to start moving some of those less badly hurt from Tyrone County Hospital in Omagh to the more secure, military wing of the Musgrave Park Hospital in Belfast. They were ferried from the hospital in Army helicopters.

Others of the 27 who survived the bombing were in the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast, the Altnagelvin Hospital in Londonderry, in Dundonald and Dungannon.

RUC detectives investigating the bombing yesterday appealed for more witnesses to come forward. They have traced nearly everyone on the two coaches of bandsmen who were the first on the scene but also want to speak to everyone who came to help deal with the injured early on Saturday morning.

Forensic science experts concluded their work at the scene of the bombing yesterday but the A5 road to Omagh remained sealed off and the soldiers and police were still searching the surrounding countryside.

An army spokesman confirmed that the explosive used by the IRA was Czech-made Semtex, a brown moulded explosive similar to the military plastic explosive used by the British Army.

Five pounds of such material is capable of demolishing a car and the 200lb detonated at the side of the A5 represented "a horrific amount of explosive", the spokesman said.

The injured in Tyrone County Hospital were visited yesterday morning by Sir John, their lieutenant general, and a memorial service was held at Omagh barracks for the eight who died. Elsewhere in churches throughout Northern Ireland prayers for the dead were said.

The decision to scrap the present easily identifiable British Forces German plates will be announced this week by Mr Archie Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed Forces.

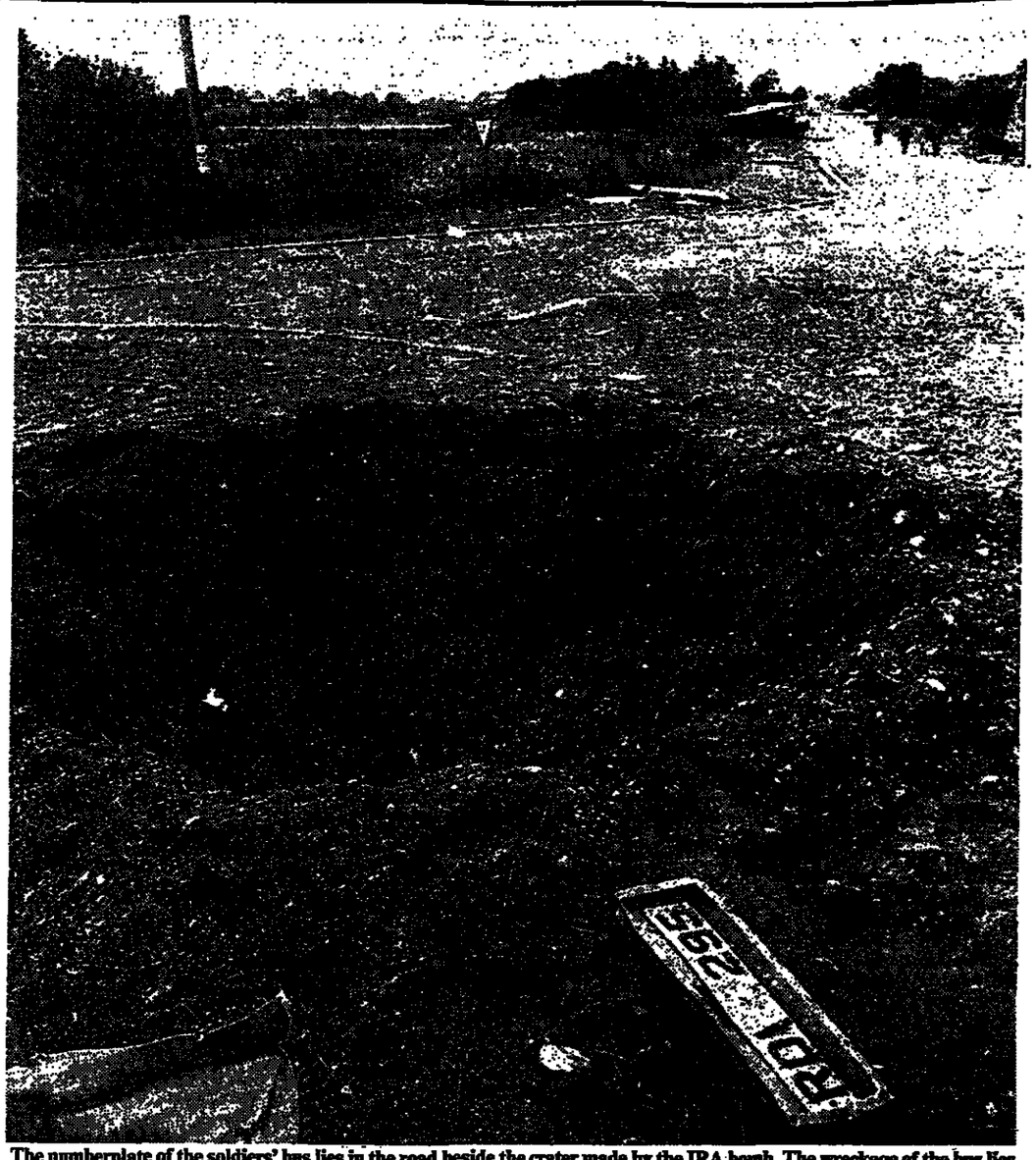
An urgent inquiry was launched after Regimental Sergeant Major Richard Heakin was shot by the IRA in Ostend.

It became clear that Mr Heakin had been singled out by the two gunmen because of the conspicuous number plates on his Vauxhall car.

Last week Ministry of Defence officials held discussions with the Department of Transport to see if a change to British number plates would be feasible.

After the announcement this week, talks will begin with the German authorities. The Government in Bonn has already indicated its support for any change that would improve the security of British servicemen based in Germany.

Sources said yesterday that it would take some time before the change to British plates could be enforced. It was not something that could be done overnight.



The numberplate of the soldiers' bus lies in the road beside the crater made by the IRA bomb. The wreckage of the bus lies across a hedge on the other side of the road, giving an indication of the force of the blast. (Photographs: Denzil McNeelance)

Parents despair over Army security

By Andrew Moger

Seven of the eight soldiers killed in the explosion were named by the Army last night as: Private Jayson Burfitt, aged 19, of Bath, Avon; Private Richard Greener, aged 21, of Tyne and Wear; Private Mark Anthony Norsworthy, aged 18, of Plymouth, Devon; Private Stephen James Wilkinson, aged 18, of Stanley, Co Durham; Private Jason Spencer Winter, aged 19, of Taunton, Somerset; Private Blair Edgar Morris Bishop, aged 19, of Hereford; and Private Peter Lloyd Bullock, aged 21, of Bristol. All were single.

Relatives of the troops killed in Northern Ireland spoke yesterday of the outrage they felt at losing their sons, some aged only 18 years.

Mostly, however, they were overwhelmed by despair over the IRA and the security which failed the young soldiers.

While the infantrymen had a protection role serving in the province, their own lives had not been properly safeguarded, they argued.

As arrangements were being made for the bodies to be flown back to England, Mrs Jean Winter, whose son Jason, a private, was one of the eight killed, urged the authorities to improve security to prevent more lives being wasted.

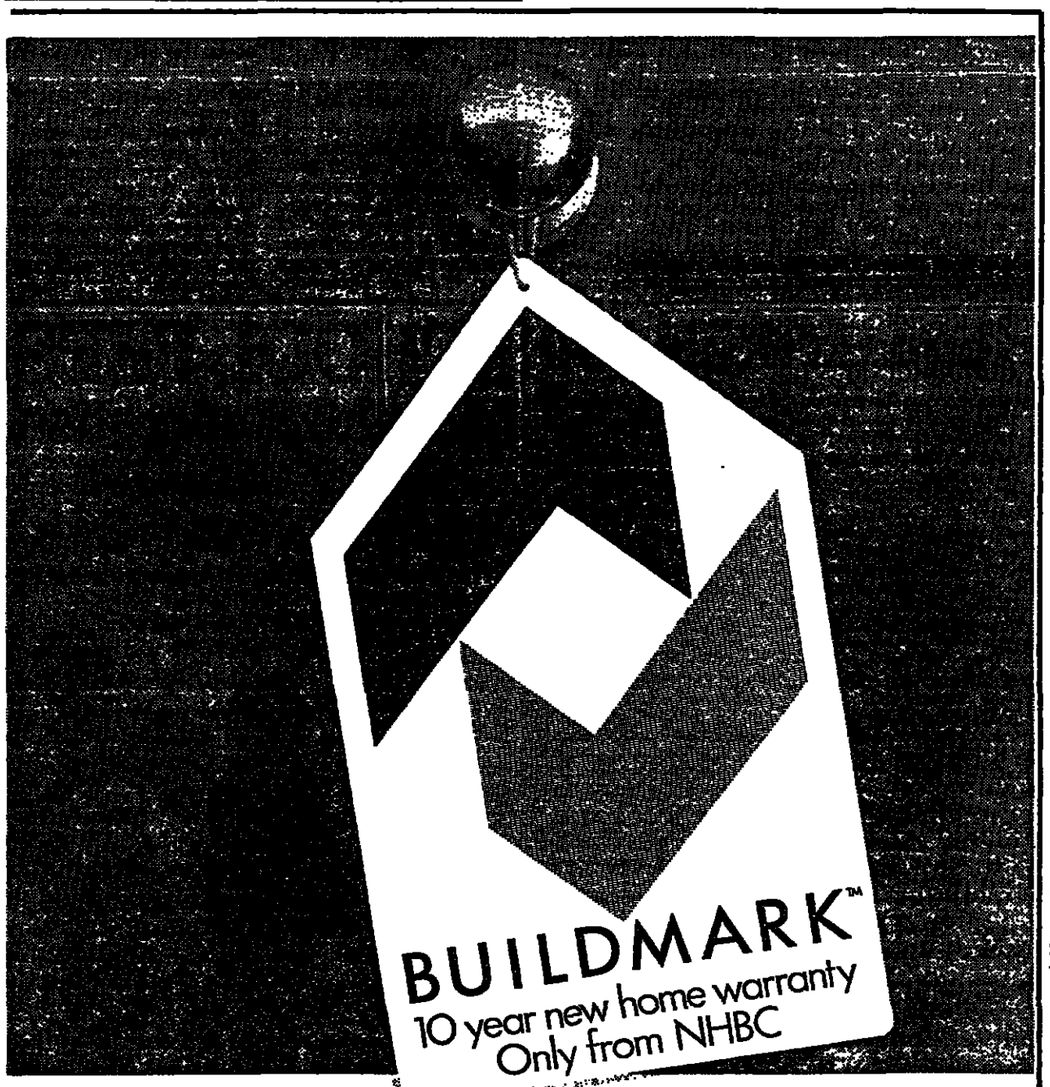
Mrs Winter, of Taunton, Somerset, said: "Everything appears to have been so slack.

"The boys in the coach could not do anything to protect themselves. The IRA seems to know when they are going in and out of the Army camps and bases and they should have been escorted instead of being open targets. He may have been a soldier but he was just a boy."

Mrs Winter, whose son had been in the Army only 13 months, said they feared for his safety when they first learned he had to make a 70-mile bus journey from Belfast airport to his barracks.

Earlier, the father of Peter Bullock, the eighth victim, told yesterday how his injured son stayed alive just long enough to see him and his wife. Mr Peter Bullock senior, of Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset, was flown by the Army to see his son, who was on a ventilator at Craigavon Hospital in Co Armagh.

"He was alive and obviously waiting for us. He waited until we saw him and then he died."



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Clash over documents

Communist plot, union says

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Britain's smaller trade unions, led mostly by moderates, are to join forces in an attempt to prevent the big unions from eroding their influence on the TUC General Council. They face having their representation cut from 11 seats to six, if a motion put forward by the 630,000-member Manufacturing Science and Finance union is accepted at the TUC conference next month. The conference agenda, published today, shows that the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union, the National Union of Hosiery and Knitwear Workers and the Educational Institute of Scotland will lead opposition to the motion.

Leaders of the electricians' union are demanding an investigation by the TUC into an alleged communist conspiracy against their organization. Another union rejected the documents as forgeries.

Mr Paul Gallagher, president of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, has sent several documents to Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, which he says proves the demand for a full investigation is "irresistible".

Yesterday the TUC rejected Mr Gallagher's assertion of a general conspiracy against the EETPU. Mr Willis said the General Council totally repudiated "the offensive and unfounded slur on the integrity of TUC officials, implying their participation in such a conspiracy".

At next month's TUC conference in Bournemouth, Mr Eric Hammond, EETPU general secretary, will use the evidence his union has obtained to embarrass critics — particularly officials of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance union (MSF).

In spite of moves by Mr Clive Jenkins, the joint general secretary of MSF and this year's TUC chairman, Mr Hammond is expected to argue his union's case against expulsion from the TUC in public. Mr Jenkins has been lobbying hard to prevent the matter being discussed in front of the television cameras, arguing that the EETPU "trial" should be held behind closed doors to reduce damage to the union movement.

However, Mr Hammond will be allowed to appeal against his union's expulsion — over single-union, no-strike agreements — in the full glare of publicity. Both Mr Jenkins and Mr Ken Gill, the other joint general secretary of MSF, will be among his targets.

Mr Hammond has in his possession an internal memorandum from Mr John Simmons, a southern regional official of MSF, urging union shop stewards, branch secretaries and council members to take action after the EETPU has been expelled.

Mr Simmons says it is dangerous because the EETPU has long planned its departure and will attack MSF within strategic areas. "It is a battle MSF must win decisively", he says.

The memo also states that MSF must be seen to help progressive forces within the EETPU to fight the decision of its leadership.

In his letter to the TUC, Mr Gallagher said the term "progressive forces" was standard left-wing jargon for communist and other hard-left groups. He said the matter demanded investigation.

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An official of MSF said that Mr Jenkins and Mr Gill regarded the documents produced by the EETPU as a "hoax" and a "forgery".

French restrict aircraft

Action by French air traffic controllers late on Saturday night, restricting the number of British flights entering French air space to two every 20 minutes, led to some delays for British holidaymakers yesterday.

Aberdeen: all charter flights were in early except for one aircraft servicing Faro and Ibiza which was running four hours late.

Bristol: no problems.

FLIGHTCHECK



East Midlands: an Orion flight to Palma was delayed by four hours; a Britannia to Palma three-and-a-half hours late leaving.

Edinburgh: no problems.

Leeds/Bradford: all flights on time except for a Yugoslavian Airlines flight to Pula which left late.

Liverpool: a quiet weekend with no delays.

Luton: A Monarch Airlines flight to Malaga left five hours late; a British Midland flight to Jersey left four hours late; a Monarch airlines flight to Pathos left five hours late. A Monarch flight from Faro was due in five hours late last night.

Manchester: delays of about an hour on several flights due to the French air traffic controllers' action. Of 86 charter departures over the weekend six were delayed a maximum of one hour. Cal Air and Orion flights to Spain were delayed by about an hour. The worst delay affected a British Airways flight arriving from Orlando originally delayed at Gatwick, which arrived at Manchester 25 hours late.

Stansted: a Transwede airlines flight to Stockholm left three hours late last night and a Sterling airways flight left nearly two hours late.

Gatwick: only a few flights delayed for a maximum of one hour, and a British Airways flight to Lagos delayed eight hours.

Heathrow: no serious delays, several flights in early and the maximum delay about 10 minutes.

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Tattoos a clue to dead man

By Mark Ellis

Police were last night hoping that tatoos might help them to identify one of two young men trampled to death during a rock concert at Donington Park race track in Leicestershire on Saturday. The man had tatoos of a scorpion and a tiger on his arms and a dragon on his left hand.

He was among hundreds of "heavy metal" music enthusiasts who were "slam dancing" — leaping into the air and bumping heads together — at the Monsters of Rock Festival.

Police, the local authority and the fire service are investigating safety and crowd control at the festival, which attracted 90,000 people.

The other dead man was named as Alan Dick, aged 18, of Lineside Walk, Rhu, near Helensburgh, Strathclyde, who was found face down in the mud. It was the first such concert he had attended.

Chief Supt Dennis Clarke said: "The deaths and injuries are being treated as a tragic accident. The crowd was boisterous but seemed in very good humour. Security seemed quite adequate."

The accident happened when a band called Guns 'n' Roses came on stage and the crowd surged forward. Mr David Chapple, aged 25, of Saltash, Cornwall, was injured and treated at the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham.

Mr Tysez Keiwicz, aged 25, from Reading, Berkshire, said: "I saw the bloke who died. He was on the ground for 10 minutes being trampled by everybody.

"I was in the middle of the floor trying to grab somebody and get them up. Everybody was helping everybody else because we were all in the same situation. If you pass out you go on the deck and get trampled. The crowd closes over you. It swallows you up."

Mr Maurice Jones, managing director of Aimcarve, the concert organizers said: "We were totally devastated. We really care for these kids and my dearest wish would be for these two men to be still alive.

"Our organization was better than ever before in terms of security, policing and looking after the fans' welfare.

Ireland reels from bombing of army bus

A community tells of horror and frustration

By Ronald Faux in Omagh and Edward Gorman

"See that", a driver at a service station on the main road into Border Country said. "Even the road signs are starting to read like an IRA roll-call."

The sign pointed to Enniskillen and beneath it to Omagh, where early on Saturday eight young soldiers of the 1st Battalion Light Infantry died. The bitterness and horror felt by the local community are easy to judge.

Familiarity with the results of terrorism has not blunted an abhorrence of the work of terrorists. Many say the whole of Fermanagh has a sense of falling casualty to the violence. Beyond the blunt fact of death delivered to "soft" targets by bomb or sniper's bullet comes their usual frustration, anger and a polarity of views about what is to be done.

At the scene of the blast yesterday a simple red poppy wreath hung on the fence opposite the wrecked bus. There was no name, and the inscription read: "A little tribute true and tender just to show you are remembered".

Forensic scientists combed through every blade of grass around the shattered bus at the point from where it is thought the signal was sent to detonate the 200lbs of explosive.

Soldiers of the Ulster Defence Regiment, their faces stained with blacking polish, patrolled the fields and hedges on both sides of the road as security forces moved in on what has now become one of the province's most notorious black spots.

Army engineers arrived with a mobile crane to lift the shattered bus out of the ditch where it had come to rest at right angles to the road.

As it rose slowly in the air it was obvious many of the men had made a miraculous escape. The entire left side of the bus had been blown in by the force of the blast.

The locals of the tiny hamlet of Carr Beragh came out of their houses to watch.

"We're stunned cold", one woman whose house overlooks the scene said. "Even after 20 years this is a shocking catastrophe. Seeing this really brings it home to you. Frustration is the biggest thing and there seems to be no end in view."

In a Protestant bar in Omagh a girl aged 18 wept uncontrollably. She was too frightened to speak about how the IRA murdered her boyfriend — British soldier aged 19.

But her best friend, Miss Barbara Dundas, sitting next to her, wants the world to know what she saw.

She had been travelling back from Portadown immediately behind the soldiers' bus when it blew up.

"You understand, don't you", she said, "that like you, we've heard of bombings and shootings all our lives, but it's different when you see it — these were human beings slaughtered like animals.

"I was talking to the boys trying to keep their spirits up and they were dying in front of me — they were lying there freezing in shock calling out the names of their children", she said.

"I didn't register what I was seeing. It was actually blood — it was just a nightmare and it hasn't sunk in yet. No words can explain what I felt."

The army bus massacre marks one of the most savage points of the terrorists' current campaign against British forces in Northern Ireland, Britain and Europe and takes to 21 the number of regular soldiers who have been killed this year.

A further 10 men from the Ulster Defence Regiment have died in the wave of bombings and shootings.

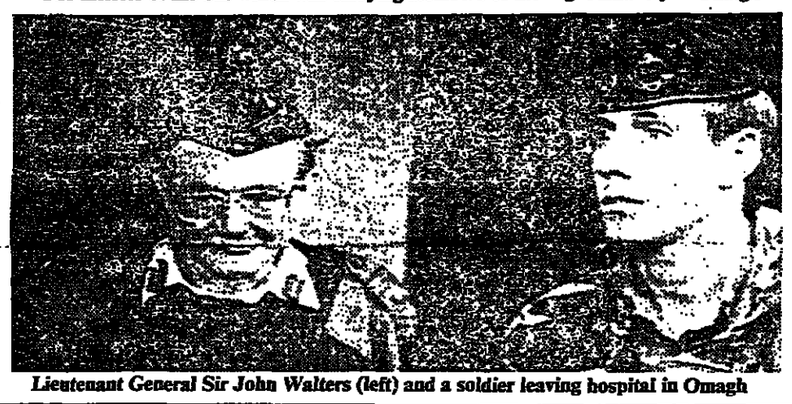
The terrorists' military victims this year have included:

- **Six soldiers murdered by an IRA bomb after a fun-run in Lisburn on June 15.**
- **Three off-duty RAF men killed in two attacks in The Netherlands on May 1.**
- **Two army corporals attacked by a mob and shot dead on March 19 after they inadvertently became caught up in an IRA funeral in Belfast.**

The worst single atrocity was at Warrenpoint on August 1979, when 18 soldiers were killed in a bomb explosion and gun attack only hours after the IRA murdered Lord Mountbatten.



The interior of the bus which was carrying members of the Light Infantry to Omagh



Lieutenant General Sir John Walters (left) and a soldier leaving hospital in Omagh

Troops will be scarred for life

By Edward Gorman

Many of the soldiers injured in Saturday's bombing will carry their scars for life, according to surgeons who have been treating them.

Some will require plastic surgery for injuries caused by window glass being blown into their faces.

The surgeon who co-ordinated emergency treatment of the victims spoke last night of his admiration for the courage and good spirits they had displayed in spite of their injuries.

Mr Dominic Pinto, senior consultant surgeon at Tyrone County Hospital in Omagh, said: "I must say I am acutely inspired by these young men. They came in, there was no panic and they seemed to be very disciplined."

Mr Pinto, aged 51, said 22 soldiers had been admitted to the hospital. They were all aged between 18 and 21 and four were in a serious condition. Some had been transferred elsewhere for specialist orthopaedic and plastic surgery. Six had operations immediately on admission under general anaesthetic. All had undergone minor operations.

Two of the more seriously injured were on ventilators, but were expected to be taken off last night.

"Most of them are suffering blast injuries to limbs and to the head", he said. "Some have friction burns and many are suffering injuries from glass being blown into their skin and faces."

One soldier had lost the sight of an eye and four others will have permanently-damaged hearing.

● The surgeon who travelled to Downing Street after the bombing said yesterday that he had made the journey because he wanted to tell the Prime Minister about the human dimension of the carnage.

Mr Rodney Peyton, a consultant surgeon at Dungannon hospital, where he helped to treat several of the soldiers, travelled to see Mrs Margaret Thatcher on Saturday with Mr Ken Maginnis, Official Unionist MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone.

"I thought it would be right for Mrs Thatcher to know about the carnage that is going on out here. It is not just a matter of what happened on Saturday — in the past two weeks we have had in eleven victims of the violence, most of them members of the security forces", he said.

Privatization plan

Rail stations in competition are proposed

By Andrew Morgan

The idea of railway stations in big cities offering a choice of competing services was welcomed last night in the light of British Rail's announcement that some long-distance commuter fares faced big increases in the next five years.

Supporters of privatization believe that certain routes could be run at a reduced cost if they were taken out of British Rail control and exposed to the private sector.

Sources claimed last week that long-distance commuters could face increases of more than £5,000 a year for their season tickets after BR decided to bring into line the "anomaly" of the price per mile which such cardholders pay. The decision would affect some 15,000 people commuting more than 75 miles to London.

Consultants such as Mr Kenneth Irvine, attached to the right-wing Adam Smith Institute, believe that the most enticing parts of the Bitish Rail system are the east-coast line south of Doncaster, and the line between Bristol and Paddington, where competition could cut fares by up to 40 per cent within two years.

Mr Irvine said: "BR has gone in for the most aggressive premium pricing on these routes, but competition could cut fares far lower than the proposed increases."

His privatization plan would be based on an independent authority which would be responsible for tracks and signalling and would charge private operators, possibly including British Rail, to run trains on its lines.

Sea Containers, the shipping group, says it would also be keen to operate private trains. The company already runs the successful Orient Express service on BR tracks. Mr James Sherwood, the chairman, believes there is hidden value in BR's assets which the private sector could unlock.

Some of his proposals include separate check-in facilities at leading stations, such as King's Cross and Euston, with customers paying by credit card.

The Centre for Policy Studies, another right-wing think tank, is suggesting the possible return to the network of private companies, such as the Great Western and London Midland and Scottish. Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, has said that privatization is on the timetable for the next parliament.

However, British Rail said last night that no fresh overture on privatization had been made since the annual report was publicized last month.

Sir Robert Reid, the chairman, said then that any privatization would take several years to come to fruition. In the meantime, efforts would be concentrated on continued growth.

Gap between pay and benefits 'widening'

By Robert Matthews

The Child Poverty Action Group will today produce figures which, it maintains, show that the gap between social security benefits and average wages has widened progressively since 1979.

A report published by the charity focuses on child benefit, retirement pension, unemployment benefit and supplementary benefit. It says that while benefits have increased, they have failed to keep pace with the average take-home pay, which has increased by almost 28 per cent in real terms since 1979.

It says unemployment benefit for a married couple has fallen from 37 per cent of average net earnings to about 29 per cent over the past 10 years, while the retirement pension for a married couple has fallen from 45.3 per cent of average weekly net earnings for men to 36.4 per cent during the same period.

Miss Fran Bennett, director of the CPAG, said: "It is the Government's proud boast that the corner has now been turned and that Britain is now a prosperous society. It is time that more of this prosperity reached the millions of people who depend on grossly inadequate social security benefits."

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Camelford water pollution

Acid 'worse than reported'

By Mark Ellis

An acid solution which poisoned thousands of people in north Cornwall was three times worse than officially reported, it was disclosed last night.

As pressure increased for the chairman of the South West Water Authority to resign, officials said in a letter that the chemical concentration was higher than the 8 per cent solution recorded in the official report on the incident.

The authority admitted that lax management allowed 20 tonnes of aluminium sulphate to contaminate the mains water supply to 7,000 homes.

Mr Douglas Cross, secretary of the Camelford Scientific Advisory Panel, an action group formed to fight on behalf of affected consumers, said the official confirmation came after a tip-off from sources within the water authority, challenging the quoted level.

The contamination, on July 6 in the Camelford area of north Cornwall, caused hundreds of people to suffer skin rashes, diarrhoea, ulcers and sore throats and in one case a woman's hair turned green when she washed it.

Mr Cross, a former lecturer in water pollution, said he received a letter on Saturday from Mr Quentin Gray, head of administration and solicitor to South West Water, stating: "The strength of 8 per cent liquid aluminium sulphate is 26.8 per cent aluminium sulphate".

"This clearly shows that the whole section of the report dealing with the details of the pollution is a shambles", Mr Cross said. "It must draw attention to the inadequacy of the report and to say the chairman has only been in his post for a year is not good enough. If the organization is duff, it is not good enough or acceptable to the local community that it is six weeks since we were poisoned that they reveal the true extent of the poisoning".

Mr Gerrard Neale, Conservative MP for Cornwall North, said Mr Keith Court, chairman and chief executive of South West Water, should resign because the letter left a nagging doubt in the minds of people affected that they were not told the truth.

The water was poisoned when a tanker load of acid solution was delivered to the unmanned Lowermoor treatment plant and poured into a reservoir.

Hayward may have to resign

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

Captain Simon Hayward, the Life Guards officer serving a five-year sentence in Sweden for his part in an international drug-smuggling ring, is expected to be told this week that General Sir John Chapple, commander-in-chief, UK Land Forces, has recommended strongly that he should resign his commission.

Since Captain Hayward's conviction in a Stockholm court in August last year, his case has been examined by his superior officers. A decision on whether he should remain in the Army will now be made by the Army Board, after receiving Sir John's recommendation.

Sources said yesterday that Captain Hayward, aged 33, would have the right to appeal if the board decided to approve his dismissal. Since his conviction he has been on full pay of £17,500 a year.

From his cell in jail at Malmo, southern Sweden, yesterday, Captain Hayward said: "I know nothing about this point, I have heard nothing officially, although it is true that I offered to resign my commission when I was convicted."

Captain Hayward was arrested by Swedish police after the discovery of 50 kilos of cannabis worth £500,000 in the car he was driving. He maintained that he knew nothing about the drugs in the car which belonged to Mr Christopher Hayward, his brother.

Home buyers 'risk big repair bills'

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Home buyers are risking the loss of thousands of pounds by failing to have proper surveys carried out, according to Black Horse Agencies.

The group of estate agents, one of Britain's largest, says its research indicates that one in seven British properties shows evidence of potentially serious defects while fewer than one in ten buyers has a full survey.

Gascoigne-Pees, part of the Black Horse group, has adopted a new code of practice for its surveyors and issued a guide for home buyers.

This is the latest move by estate agents to improve services to customers after recent criticism. The next step is likely to be the introduction of a code of conduct.

Mr Joe Bradley, managing director of Prudential Property Services, the largest agents' group with 779 offices, believes a voluntary code would not be enough on its own because some estate agents could ignore it. He called for a test of competence, which could be implemented under the 1979 Estate Agents Act.

● About 800 staff of the estate agents Alder King, which is part of Black Horse Agencies, have been warned not to speculate in property through the company's books. Two staff members in Bristol have been disciplined for buying a house and converting it into flats for sale.

Pocket-sized telephones from British Telecom

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

British Telecom engineers are developing a pocket-sized communication device for outgoing calls.

The device is a spin-off from cordless telephone technology, and calls from it will cost a fraction of the price of those from cellular telephones.

Several British companies are expected to unveil a new type of portable telephone later this year.

However the new system will not be advanced enough to connect callers on the move. British Telecom engineers at Martlesham, Suffolk, are working towards a device the size of a credit card which would allow two-way communication.

Mr Charles Baker, marketing director of BT Mobile Communications, said that the basic technological problems of putting together such devices, dubbed "peronal mobile communicators" (PMCs), had been solved.

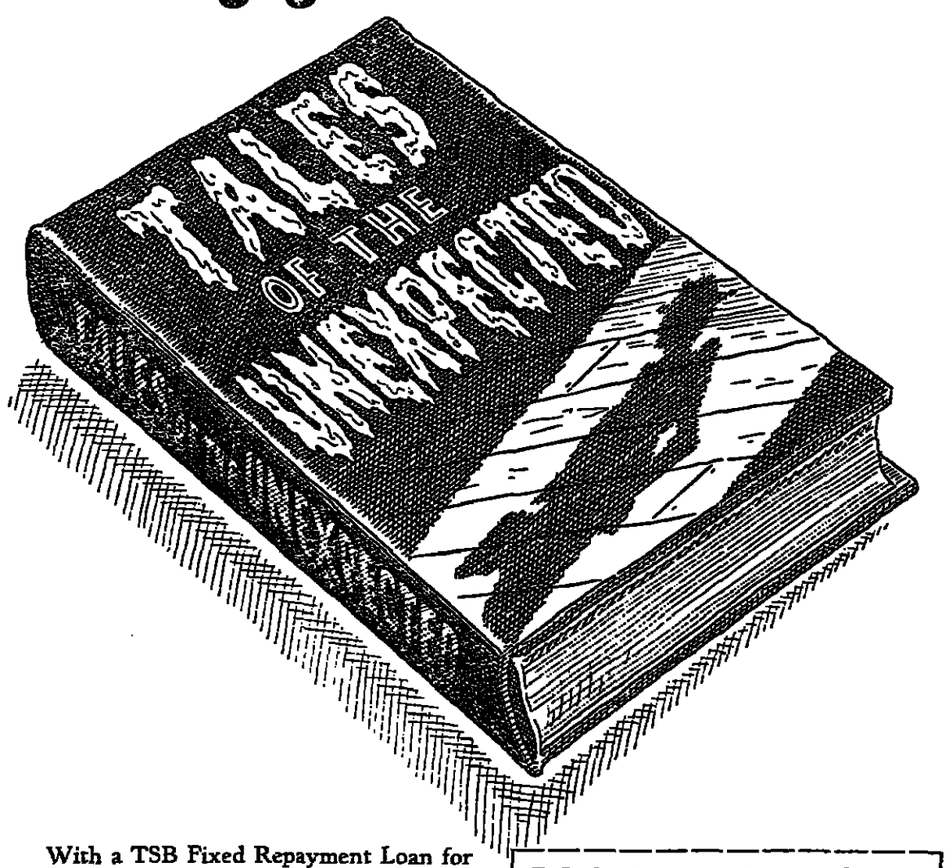
The company is considering a type of PMC which allows office workers to make calls and be contacted anywhere in their company building.

Mr Baker said that in the longer term, PMCs were likely to feature liquid crystal displays capable of showing pages of information.

Those devices are likely to have the means for an answering machine to store incoming calls when users do not want to be disturbed.

● British Telecom is about to introduce a new telephone card which allows calls to be made on credit without going through the operator. Subscribers in Bristol have received the first of the cards. Until now only a few telephone boxes have been capable of taking ordinary credit cards. There is a British Telecom credit card, but users must first call the operator. The new system allows authentication to be done automatically. The call is charged to quarterly bills or to credit call accounts.

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Royal college chiefs seek talks with Clarke on NHS cuts

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The presidents of the royal medical colleges have called for a meeting with Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, to express their concern about cuts in patient services and to argue for "substantial" extra funding for the National Health Service.

The move has been prompted by complaints of inadequate facilities from consultants throughout the country.

Mr Ian Todd, the chairman of the Conference of Colleges, said yesterday that the presidents would repeat their demands made at the end of last year for immediate extra resources for the health service. He said there was evidence of continuing reductions in beds, a cutback in consultant posts and restrictions on the number of operations performed.

Last December the growing crisis in the health service prompted an unprecedented outburst in a public statement by the presidents of the Royal College of Surgeons, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Royal College of Physicians. Soon after, the Government announced an emergency injection of £100 million for the NHS.

In January, the presidents called for further funding and a review of the NHS at a meeting with Mr John Moore, then Secretary of State for Social Services.

Mr Todd, who is also president of the Royal College of Surgeons, wrote to Mr Moore five weeks ago, but he has had no reply from the Department of Health and Social Security since Mr Clarke's appointment.

There had been no sign of improvements since the crisis last December, Mr Todd said yesterday.

"On the contrary, I think it is getting steadily worse. The profession is becoming so demoralized", he said.

"We have had no input into the Prime Minister's review, which appears to be concerned only with economics. In the meantime, patients are suffering.

"We need to put our point of view. We are concerned about patient services and it is quite apparent that more money is needed. The Prime Minister said more money was put into the service this year, but it has not been enough to cover pay increases and inflation. There has been no real growth at all."

An increasing number of health authorities were failing to replace surgeons when they retired, due to cash shortages, Mr Todd said. Moves to cut junior doctors' hours and restrict locum cover, to save money, meant that patient services inevitably suffered. "Where there aren't enough staff they close beds, and where they close beds they say they don't need so many staff — it's a vicious circle", he said.

Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, president of the Royal College of Physicians, agreed that whatever the outcome of the NHS review, a substantial injection of cash was needed.

He suggested an injection of £2 billion, or 10 per cent of the NHS budget, which would still leave the service 15 per cent below other European countries in terms of expenditure.

Sir Raymond said he had received many letters from consultants complaining of bed closures and the non-replacement of consultants.

● The Confederation of Health Service Employees yesterday called on Mr Michael Forsyth, Under-Secretary of State at the Scottish Office, to publicly admit that the Government had deceived nurses in Scotland over the level of pay increases they would receive.

In April, the Government announced that nurses would receive an average 15.3 per cent increase in pay, but the union says that figure includes an element for London weighting, for which no nurse in Scotland qualified.

Mr Jim Devine, the union's Scottish regional officer, warned Mr Forsyth that, unless he made a public statement clarifying the matter, he could face serious unrest.

"Four weeks ago, we wrote to Michael Forsyth asking him to publicly state that Scottish nurses would receive an average 15.3 per cent increase, and that the deal would be fully funded. His silence was deafening", Mr Devine said.

Mr Devine said that the union was planning a series of emergency meetings over the next few weeks. He expected that members would decide to "demonstrate their anger" at the manner in which the pay deal was being handled.

Leisure turns out a barrel roll of fun



High flyer: Sir Christopher Benson in the cockpit of his Chipmunk aerobatic aircraft, above, and doing a barrel roll over Salisbury (Pictures: Mark Pepper)

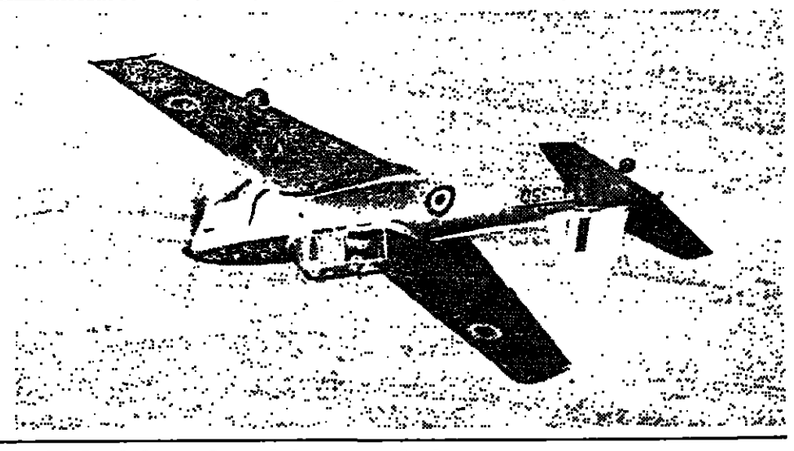
Off duty: Sir Christopher Benson, chairman of the London Docklands Development Corporation, spends a good deal of his spare time in a Chipmunk two-seater aerobatic aircraft high over the Wiltshire countryside.

An aerobatics enthusiast since he gained his private pilot's licence in 1971, initially because of the need to get from A to B quickly, Sir Christopher is just as familiar with helicopters.

Sir Christopher, aged 55, and his wife Jo, live on their 250-acre farm at Old Sarum, next to the Wiltshire Aeroplane Club, whose 125 acres he keeps in perfect flying order. "I've got a very good farm manager, which is just as well because I'm in London most of the time working", he admits.

"I love flying because it's complete recreation. You simply can't think of anything else when you are up there, you must concentrate totally. I have now done 600 hours fixed-wing flying and 300 in a helicopter." As for fear as he loops the loop, he says that after an initial twinge it has never been a problem.

He commutes to work in Docklands, east London, by train. "I know there is the new airport there now but helicopters are so noisy, I couldn't really do it", he sighs. In October Sir Christopher, knighted this year for public service, returns to being full-time chairman of MEPC, a property company.



Child unit closure is denied

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

Health officials in the West Midlands last night denied that they had firm plans to close down key specialist wards in Birmingham Children's Hospital in an effort to reduce pressure on its overburdened facilities.

The regional health authority said that a variety of proposals was being investigated to ease the resource problems at the hospital, which attracted considerable attention last year when a number of heart operations on young children had to be cancelled.

By 1995, the authority hopes to have built a new children's hospital at the Queen Elizabeth medical centre, about four miles from the existing hospital, at a cost of £40 million.

However, the problems currently affecting the hospital have led the authority to consider an interim plan, in which some of the specialties would be moved out of the hospital, reducing the demand on intensive care and other facilities.

"On the face of it, it would make sense at least to consider it, but it's no more than an idea", an authority spokesman said. It was emphasized that doctors at the hospital would be fully consulted.

Mr John Corkery, a consultant surgeon at the hospital and chairman of the medical executive committee for the central Birmingham health district, said yesterday there were fears that the interim plan would become permanent, relieving the health authority of the difficulty of finding £40 million for the new hospital.

"This interim plan is a smokescreen, and, more than anything else, would be a waste of time", he said.

"It would inevitably lead to a gross deterioration in children's medical care in Birmingham. We're amazed that these proposals have seen the light of day.

"It really addresses none of the problems of inadequate funding, an intensive therapy unit which is too small and the lack of nurses", Mr Corkery said.

He added that the long-standing financial anomaly by which the hospital has carried out work for other districts yet has not been paid for it should be tackled first.

In addition, the health authority should concentrate more effort on making nursing more attractive.

Mr Corkery said that the views of the doctors would be made clear to the health authority by the end of the summer.

He said that he was concerned that financial considerations now have a higher priority within health authorities than reasonable medical demands.

Whitehouse to see Jesus film preview

By Andrew Billen

Mrs Mary Whitehouse will see a preview of Martin Scorsese's film *The Last Temptation of Christ* before deciding whether to take its distributors to court.

The British Board of Film Censors meets to consider granting the film a certficate on Thursday and United International Pictures, the distributors, will hold a press preview in London next week.

Mrs Whitehouse, editor of the National Viewers and Listeners' Association journal, successfully sued *Gay News* for blasphemy more than 10 years ago and is in little doubt that the film is blasphemous, but is determined to see it before taking action.

However, she has already received a synopsis of the film as well as a draft script.

Mrs Whitehouse yesterday said: "I would think myself that there is little doubt that it is a film that would give considerable offence to Christians. It drags Jesus through the mud."

She will only bring an action if the British Board of Film Censors grants the film a certificate, in which case it could be made party to the action, and if Mr Allan Green, Director of Public Prosecutions, refuses to take action.

Mr Geoffrey Robertson, a leading liberal lawyer who acted for *Gay News* in 1977, yesterday would not comment on a report that he had been instructed by the distributors to draw up a defence.

However, in his 1984 book, *Media Law*, he writes that the DPP is unlikely to bring actions for blasphemy against publications with any artistic value.

Television advertising restrictions

Firms fund urgent Europe-wide study

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Europe's largest advertisers are funding a £400,000 emergency report by a London company into the potentially disastrous effects of new restrictions proposed for television advertising.

The investigation is being done by Booz Allen & Hamilton International, management consultants, as a result of growing alarm caused by a draft Council of Europe convention and a proposed EEC directive on transfrontier broadcasting. The Council of Europe convention, due to be ratified this November in Stockholm, rules out commercial breaks during some programmes — such as *News At Ten* — and limits advertisements to once every 45 minutes during many others.

Instead there would be lengthy "blocks" of advertisements — up to 12 minutes long — between programmes.

Advertisers believe the standard of programming will be affected because channel controllers will be under pressure to show short programmes (about 20 minutes long) followed by advertisements, rather than screen lengthier plays and films made for television.

The Council of Europe blueprint has been actively proposed by West Germany, where powerful regional press barons are anxious not to lose part of their large supply of advertising to television.

Television advertising in West Germany is strictly regulated, and the latest figures show it attracts only 10.3 per cent of the nation's total advertising revenue, compared with the 32.7 per cent attracted by television in Britain.

The idea of a Europe-wide report to examine the repercussions of the convention proposals was mooted at a meeting of the World Federation of Advertisers held in London last week.

Although Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, has indicated that he will not sign the convention in its present form, advertisers are increasingly worried that the Council of Europe proposals will find their way into the EEC directive that is being discussed in Brussels. That directive will be legally binding on member states.

The Booz Allen & Hamilton study will examine the impact of the Council of Europe proposals on the broadcasting industry, advertisers and industry generally. It will also determine how television viewers and programmers will be affected. About 30 European firms are funding the report.

The Government is bracing itself for a new pirate radio explosion sparked by increasing frustration over the delay in introducing legislation to legalize community stations.

The next broadcasting Bill, which is expected to authorize a community radio network, will not now be published until late next year.

The Community Radio Association predicts that up to 50 unlicensed stations may take to the air as a direct result of the delay, many of them aimed at ethnic minorities.

Mr Bevan Jones, the association's chairman, says it condemns piracy, but has decided to turn a blind eye to members who break the law.

The Government has increased the staff of the Department of Trade and Industry's Radio Investigation Service and given another £400,000 for new equipment to locate the pirates.

Cars celebrate Jaguar win

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

Jaguar is to celebrate its success in the Le Mans 24-hour sports car race this year with the production of 100 specially built XJS coupés.

Owners of the £38,500 model, destined to become a valuable collector's car, will ride in the 230mph Le Mans race car and be taught by Jaguar's racing drivers to drive the "Celebration" XJR-S quickly and safely.

The car is the first special sporting model to be built by the JaguarSport operation which was formed recently. The company aims to build up to 2,500 customized cars annually for discerning customers. Owners will be offered any colour they wish.



Return on Le Mans investment: the special-edition XJR-S

Jaguar sales in France have reached record levels following the Le Mans success in June. Sir John Egan, the Jaguar chairman, said at the launch of the new car: "The image of a company is like putting money in the bank and our win at Le Mans certainly put money in the bank for Jaguar".

Exam advice scheme for employers

By David Tytler, Education Editor

A free telephone advice service will be launched this week for employers who do not understand the grading system in GCSE examinations, taken for the first time this year by 700,000 pupils in England and Wales.

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, is worried that in spite of a massive publicity campaign, many employers still cannot interpret the results of the examination, which will be published on Thursday. A series of newspaper advertisements will appear this week and a free telephone service will be set up to offer advice.

Market research done before the examinations were held showed that many employers were ill-informed and apathetic. Information packs were sent to 750,000 small employers, but there is still considerable confusion.

As a rough guide, GCSE grades from A to C are equivalent to passes in the old O level examination, or grade 1 in CSE.

The examination has run into trouble with right-wing educationists since the publication of the Northern Ireland results last week. More than half the pupils received the top grades, and less than 6 per cent failed to get any grade at all. Critics said the figures indicated that standards had slipped, a claim that has been vigorously denied.

Mr Baker will wait until the results in England and Wales are published before commenting on standards, but he has already said that some teachers demanded an unrealistically high quality in course work submitted as part of the examination.

● Thousands of teenagers will be going to university in October without knowing how to finance their courses, Mr Andrew Bennett, the Labour Party's spokesman on higher education, said yesterday.

The Government promised to publish its student finance reforms last month but put the changes on ice after disagreements between the Treasury and the Department of Education and Science.

Mr Bennett has written to Mr Kenneth Baker, demanding that changes in student finance should nbot now be introduced until 1991.

● Samaritan organizations expect a record number of suicide calls from young people this week as A level and GCSE examination results are published.

Many teachers expect the results to be poorer than usual because of confusion caused by the introduction of the GCSE system this year.

WHITEHALL BRIEF by David Walker

No rest for those who draft our laws

The High Court is on vacation; Parliament is up and ministers are away; the machinery of government slips a gear. So spare a thought, this August, for a team of Civil Service lawyers located in a set of ancient offices next to the site where tourists ogle Life Guards standing sentry. For them this is the busiest of seasons.

These are the Parliamentary Counsel: 23 barristers and solicitors who draft legislation which, more often than not, Parliament rubber-stamps. In an era when the capacity of Parliament to revise complex legislation is distinctly unimpressive, a great weight is carried on these Civil Service shoulders.

Their task this summer includes the mammoth electricity and water privatization Bills, each immensely complex and chequered with legal and political pitfalls. Both Bills need to be ready, in finished form, for the next session of Parliament.

The Parliamentary Counsel, technically part of the Government Legal Service but in practice separate from the lawyers who advise within departments, are an unashamed intellectual elite who can be forgiven their swagger.

On the elegance and precision of their drafting rests the parliamentary reputation of ministers, even prime ministers. They are the mechanics of the manifesto. They ensure that Bills are as nearly error-free as possible. They strive to make Acts of Parliament judge-proof, though if they come to judicial review, it is more likely to be what ministers and their officials have done in pursuance of legislation than the law itself that will be faulted.

From the offices of the Parliamentary Counsel overlooking Horse Guards' Parade, the Thatcher years appear busy ones, and lately, rushed. Being busy, they emphasize, is not the same as being rushed, which puts the quality of legislative drafting in jeopardy.

Last year the team expanded (it had to, to cope with the extra work and the intense and long apprenticeship lawyers have to serve before they can undertake the writing of parliamentary Bills). Their office was able to find six capable new lawyers partly because the legal profession, in its wisdom, discriminates against women. Denied a fair chance to shine in private practice, bright female lawyers find government service more receptive to their talents.

Salaries for Parliamentary Counsel are relatively competitive. They are paid on a higher scale than most other government lawyers. There is, they say, an "unwritten contract" with the politicians to keep their salaries in line with private practice, and they appear to have escaped much of the "new managerialism" rampant elsewhere in Whitehall.

Their ace in the hole is that the "privatization" of Bill-writing has already been tried, and failed miserably. Not long ago a celebrated patent lawyer was asked to draw up a Bill, but after a considerable delay, with the Department of Trade growing increasingly anxious, all he had produced were annotations on his original instructions.

In contrast, come autumn, the fate of the utilities privatization exercises will show something of the quality of the draftsmanship of the Parliamentary Counsel.

However, it will always be open to the lawyers to argue that bad legislation is Parliament's to rectify. If the privatization of electricity and water are botched, that will have as much to do with imprecision in the instructions given to Parliamentary Counsel and the failure of Parliament to scrutinize and revise, as with shortcomings at Number 36 Whitehall.

Motorway repairs

A27 section opens early

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

A new 8.7 mile section of the A27 trunk road between Havant and Chichester was opened last week, six months ahead of schedule. The £20 million road has been built to dual-carriageway standard with a central crash barrier.

The Department of Transport now recognizes that the additional cost of central barriers on trunk roads can be offset by savings in accident costs when the traffic flow exceeds 10,500 cars a day.

Mr Peter Bottomley, Minister for Roads and Traffic, said: "The new road will bring immediate relief to motorists who have experienced delays on the existing A27.

"Several villages will be bypassed."

Repairs until next Monday.

London and South-east

M25 Surrey: contraflow jns 11-13 (Chertsey/Staines).
M11 Essex: contraflow jns 8-9 (Stansted/A11).
M2 Kent: roadworks jns 4-6 (Gillingham/Faversham), contraflow jn 5 (Sittingbourne).
M20 Kent: lane restrictions jns 11, 13 (Hythe/Folkestone).
M40 Buckinghamshire: contraflow jns 6 and 7 (Watlington/Thame), westbound slip road closures jn 7 (A329).
M40 Thames Valley: outside lanes closed jns 1-5 (Slough/Stokenchurch).
A40(M) Westway: nearside eastbound lane closed. Northern roundabout closed. Diversion via slip roads. Eastern end closed weekends.

Midlands

M5 Hereford/Worcester: contraflows jns 4-4A (Bromsgrove/M42) and jns 5-6 (Droitwich/Worcester North).
M6 West Midlands: lane closures jns 6-7 ("spaghetti" jn area). Southbound entry slip at jn 7 closed daily 7am to 10am.
M1 Northamptonshire: southbound exit slip jn 15 (A508) closed.

North

M6 Cheshire: lane closures jns 16-17 (Kidsgrove/Sandbach). Southbound entry jn 17 closed. Restrictions to be lifted over Bank holiday.
M62 Greater Manchester: lane restrictions jns 20-22, 50 mph limit.
M63 Greater Manchester: contraflow jns 3-6 (Barton Dock Estate/A6144) and also widening work Barton Bridge. Long delays likely. Contraflow and lane closures jns 12-13 (A5145/A560). Eastbound slip closed jn 12.
M65 Lancashire: roadworks at end of motorway (Nelson).

Wales and West

M4 Gwent: lane restrictions jns 24-25 (Newport) and jns 24-28 (A467/A48).
M5 Somerset: lane restrictions jns 22-26 (Burnham/Wellington).
M5 Gloucestershire: contraflow jns 9-11 (Tewkesbury/Gloucester).

Scotland

M8 Lothian: contraflow jns 3-4 (Livingstone/Bathgate).
M74 Strathclyde: contraflow south jn 4 (M73); contraflow jns 7-8 (A72/A71); and contraflow north and south of jn 12 (A74).
M9 Lothian: jns 3-2 (Linlithgow/Uphall). Carriageway reconstruction. Eastbound closed. Contraflow on westbound.
M90 Fife: northbound carriageway retricted at jn 1 (A90).
M8 Strathclyde: overnight carriageway closures jns 24-26 (Irvine/Hillington).

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Czechoslovakia 20 years on

Prague police hold four as invasion of 1968 is marked

Prague (AP) — Police yesterday made arrests in Prague's Wenceslas Square — scene of protests in 1968 — when 200 people gathered to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Warsaw Pact invasion that put an end to Communist-led reform in Czechoslovakia.

Police detained at least four people in the square and outside Czechoslovak Radio, where fierce street fighting took place after Soviet and other Warsaw Pact tanks and troops invaded Czechoslovakia in 1968.

In Wenceslas Square, about 200 people walked behind two representatives of the Charter 77 movement, Miss Eva Kanturkova and Mr Tomas Hradilek, who tried to lay flowers by the statue of King Wenceslas but were stopped by police.

Miss Kanturkova said she and Mr Hradilek came to the square in place of three Charter 77 spokesmen detained on Saturday as they walked to the Soviet Embassy to hand in an appeal to the Kremlin to tell the truth about the invasion Moscow organized to crush the Prague Spring reform of the then Czechoslovak party leader, Mr Alexander Dubcek.

A French reporter said he talked to one of the three, Mr Bohumir Janat, on Sunday morning. Mr Janat said he and Mr Milos Hajek were released late Saturday after a few hours' police detention.

It was not known if the two were detained again yesterday en route to Wenceslas Square. The whereabouts of the third spokesman, Mr Stanislav Devaty, were not known.

● **Black market:** Twenty years after Wenceslas Square resounded to the rumble of Soviet armour, the only real hint of subversion is the whispering of the black market.

On a listless summer's day, Prague generally took on the appearance yesterday of a ghost city. Most of the dissidents; Chartists, Catholics and other "troublemakers", had been despatched to the country. Less politically-minded Czechs had made for their *dachas*.

"The Czechs are becoming more courageous," said Mr Jiri Hayek, the former Foreign Minister ousted in 1968 together with Mr Dubcek.

Other dissidents, such as the ever-optimistic Mr Jiri Dienstbier also emphasized — before, like Mr Hayek, being "encouraged" to leave the city for the weekend — the growing confidence of Czechs and Slovaks.

"People are recovering their nerve slowly," Mr Dienstbier told Western journalists last week.

But yesterday it was hard to see any recovery of pride among Czechoslovaks old enough to have witnessed the trauma of the invasion. Those who gathered in Wenceslas Square were mainly young teenagers, remote from the event.

Despite repeated invitations from a wide range of dissident groups to "commemorate" what happened in Prague in 1968, most Czechoslovaks continued to prefer to forget.

"What are we to do? Our position is hopeless. We cannot expect change from the present Government and we are powerless to change things ourselves," the proprietor of the square's most prestigious café concluded.

For all the hopes raised by the removal of Mr Gustav Husak last Christmas from the seat of power in the Czechoslovak Government, it is clear to all Czechoslovaks that change can only come very slowly.

Mr Husak's successor, Mr Milos Jakes, is in a dilemma. He is encouraged by Moscow to introduce *glasnost* and *perestroika*, but 20 years of "normalization", the official rubric for the inertia and orthodox Communism which came after the crushing of the Prague Spring, cannot be swept away overnight, least of all by those politicians who, like Mr Jakes, played a leading role in a normalization period.

Perhaps to win the affection of younger Czechoslovaks, Mr Jakes has loosened control on travel to the West. But ironically, as anyone travelling to the West needs £10 a day in hard currency, the most immediate result has been to overwhelm the black market demand for hard currency. Hence the marketeers on Wenceslas Square yesterday.

Twenty years after the Prague Spring, and more than a year after Mr Gorbachov visited Prague, the only signs of growth are in the black market.

'Troops out' call to Kremlin

By Mary Dejevsky

Opposition groups in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe have published a joint statement calling for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from all Warsaw Pact countries.

The statement, published to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, called on the Soviet leadership to denounce the action taken by Leonid Brezhnev in 1968 and described the invasion as the prime cause of the crisis facing Eastern Europe today.

Among 23 **Czechoslovak** signatories were 11 former or present Charter 77 spokespersons, including the playwright Vaclav Havel, a leading Prague Spring politician Jaroslav Sabata, and a well-known journalist, Jiri Dienstbier.

Among 22 signatories from the **Soviet Union** were leading representatives of the Moscow Group of the International Federation for Human Rights of Ekpress-Khronika and of Press Club Glasnost, including Lev Timofeyev, Larisa Bogoraz and Yefim Epstein.

Among 31 **Polish** signatories were the Solidarity leader Zbigniew Bujak, Jacek Kuron, Adam Michnik and Bronislaw Geremek. The text was signed also by leaders of Polish-Czechoslovak Solidarity, Freedom and Peace and the Socialist Party.

Hungarian signatories included the writers Sandor Csoori, Istvan Csurka and Miklos Haraszti.

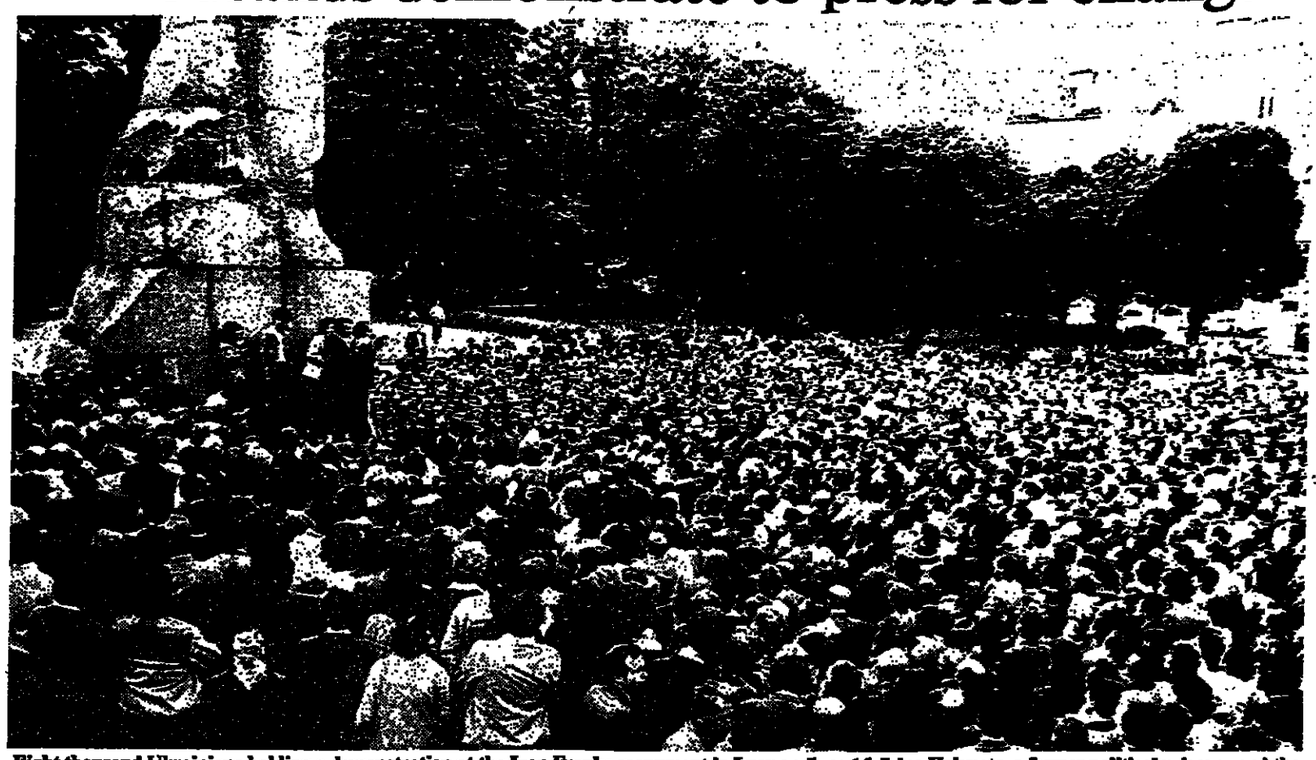
Among 13 signatories from **East Germany** was a well-known Protestant clergyman, Rainer Eppelmann, and leading activists of the Initiative for Peace and Human Rights, Werener Fischer, Wolfgang Templin and Peter Grimm.

As well as demanding the withdrawal of Soviet troops, they called for an undertaking that neither the Warsaw Treaty nor bilateral treaties should be used as a legal basis for military interference in a member country. It also appealed for the democratization of the Warsaw Pact, including a guarantee of equal political status for all members and special recognition of the rights of minority nationalities. Freedom of movement and communication within the Warsaw Pact was also demanded.

The statement is the latest example of co-operation between opposition groups in Eastern Europe, and marks the first time that Soviet groups have participated. Co-operation began in 1986 when the first joint statement was published to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Hungarian uprising.

Because the provisions for freedom of movement and speech, which were stipulated in the Helsinki Agreement, have still not been implemented in Eastern Europe, opposition members have to conduct their activities in secret. Their statements are co-ordinated through the London-based East European Cultural Foundation.

Thousands demonstrate to press for change



Eight thousand Ukrainians holding a demonstration at the Ivan Franko monument in Lvov on June 16. Irina Kalynets, a former political prisoner and the editor of the journal *Yevshen Zillia* who was arrested later this year, addressed the crowd, which was photographed secretly by dissidents.

KGB cracks down on dissent in Ukraine

Ukrainian groups, encouraged by the policy of glasnost, have been thwarted and harassed in their attempts to stage cultural and political meetings with increasing severity by the local authorities. Here is a summary of relevant events this year.

Lvov, July 20: The KGB arrested Vyacheslav Chronovil of the Helsinki Union, which it considers as an opposition party, and officially warned him to stop "attempts to incite hostility among nationalities ... supplying Western subversive centres with information which is used against the Soviet system, and organizing mass demonstrations which violate public order". Refusing to sign the warning as required, Chronovil said the union's meetings here were nothing but a statement by the people, not a conspiracy.

Lvov, July 21: The City Political Discussion Group organized a meeting to gather support for the Popular Front in Support of Perestroika. It was attended by about 1,000 people. One speaker was Grigory Prikhodka, until recently a political prisoner.

Lvov, July 24: Local newspapers published a demand by the Procurator's Office that an end be put to "activities of extremists". It named five dissidents: Chronovil, Mikhail and Bogdan Horyn, Ivan Makar and Yaruslav Putko. All fear that they will be deported.

Kiev, July 24: Sixteen members of a Ukraine cultural club were arrested to prevent them meeting to collect signatures for a petition demanding the release of prisoners of conscience, particularly those in the Perm strict regime labour camp, No 35. Authorities had earlier told organizers that the meeting was futile because in the next two to three weeks all political prisoners would be released. But the organizers decided to go ahead with the meeting, postponing only the collection of signatures. At midday soldiers and plain-clothes men seized people likely to attend and the organizers in raids on their homes and in the street.

Nizgen Branyuk was seized near his home on Bauman Street with Prikhodka. Branyuk was taken by car (licence plate K8287 KI), to beyond the city limits and thrown out of the vehicle. Prikhodka was pushed into a militia car. Nothing is known of his current whereabouts.

Sergei Naboko was pushed into a car (licence plate A1821 KI) and driven to Berezan village. He managed to return to Kiev fairly quickly, reaching October Square — where the meeting was to have been held — before being seized again. He was pushed into another car (licence plate V1772 KI) and driven to a forest park where he was badly beaten and threatened with drowning. When he asked his assailants who they were, one replied, "KGB official Ivanov".

A female opposition activist who was similarly kidnapped was subjected to gas. Shivering and with a numb body, she was thrown out of a car near the Kiev reservoir and lay there unconscious for several hours before managing to get home.

Vyacheslav Omitsinsky was seized while returning home with his mother. Strangers pushed him into a car (without number plates) and drove him to a forest near the village of Katyuzhanka, 35 miles north of Kiev. They threatened to bury him, but instead searched him, confiscating the policy declaration of the Helsinki Union, books and other documents and left him in the forest. With difficulty he reached the main road and got a lift.

Pavel Skachok was seized by people who said they were going mushroom picking. They drove him to the northern part of the Kiev region and left him there. He managed to return to Kiev.

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Arina Sagulsky, whose husband Ivan is a political prisoner, was detained and driven south. She did not return to Kiev until midnight.

Arkady Kirinyev was pushed into a car and taken into the countryside, where his trouser belt and buttons were cut with a razor blade. Vadim Galinovsky was also arrested.

Anatol Bibchenko was detained on the street. His hand was cut and he was beaten resisting arrest, before being driven to the northern part of Kiev region. He was thrown out in the forest and told, "Run. We will shoot you." He managed to return home the next morning.

Meanwhile, October Square, where the meeting was to have been held, was cordoned off by militia and people in civilian clothes. The meeting did not take place.

Kiev, July 26: The Helsinki Union issued a statement condemning the "arbitrary violence" against the cultural club on July 24.

Lvov, July 27: The newspaper *Lvov Pravda* announced that the Lvov Executive Committee had forbidden all meetings and demonstrations organized by the Lvov Initiative Group, and in particular, forbade those with previous convictions for anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda" to participate in meetings.

Lvov, July 27: The authorities raided Makar's home and place of work, confiscating papers relating to the initiative group and the Lvov branch of the Democratic Movement.

Lvov, July 28: Militia with loudspeakers and dogs filled the park, while loudspeakers relayed an announcement by the Lvov executive committee followed by music. A crowd attracted by the noise was then dispersed by the soldiers, who arrested 20 people later tried in Lenin district court.

Kharkov, August 2: A former political prisoner and poet, Stepan Sapeliak, was officially warned under Article 214 (vagrancy) of the Ukrainian Criminal Code because he has not had a permanent job since March. His poems have recently been published in West Germany and Britain and royalties sent to him by post. Lieutenant Kanonenko of the Department of Internal Affairs has demanded that he produces a certificate saying that he is a poet.

Lvov, August 4: Three thousand people defied a ban on a meeting, organized by the initiative group, and shouted slogans advocating freedom for Ukraine, before being dispersed by troops using dogs. Many of the demonstrators marched to the Lenin monument and were again surrounded by troops. People then began to gather in the central square. The militia charged the demonstrators with truncheons, arresting 25, including the editor of *Yevshen Zillia*, Irina Kalynets.

Lvov, August 4: Makar was arrested and charged under Article 187/3 of the Ukrainian Criminal Code with "organizing disturbances".

Drozhnev village, August 7: Yuri, the son of a Helsinki group member, Mikola Rudenko, was taken off a bus when returning from a church service, beaten, and driven to Drozhnev, where he was sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment. He went on hunger strike.

Lvov, August 11: Mikhail Goryn was summoned to the Lvov KGB and given an official warning about "anti-Soviet activity", which he refused to sign. On the following day the *Lvov Pravda* and *Vilna Ukraina* published a notice on behalf of the Ukrainian KGB stating that "measures have been taken against Goryn as regardless of the humanitarian act of the Soviet Government in pardoning and releasing him in March 1988, he has attempted to prepare and disseminate various documents of politically harmful content".

Lvov, August 11: Bogdan and Oksana Gorny were detained and warned against participating in the regular opposition meetings in Lvov. They were released later.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Pope appeals for more Sudan aid

The Pope yesterday called for additional aid to Sudan as the Nile continued rising and the flooding spread to large areas of the north and central regions (Andrew McEwen writes).

His appeal, made during an address from Castelgandolfo, his retreat south of Rome, coincided with more signs that the international response so far has been inadequate. Sudan's news agency, SUNA, reported that the resources of the authorities fell far below the needs of the crisis.

Almost the whole city of Karima, 210 miles north-west of Khartoum, was under water and flood barriers were swept away. SUNA said that entire neighbourhoods in the rich farmland region had disappeared under water, leaving thousands homeless.

On Saturday the Blue Nile overflowed at Wad Medani, 125 miles south of Khartoum, where two million people live, and in large areas in the agricultural province of Gezira. Sudan's Ambassador to Egypt, Mr Abdellatif al-Amine, said last week that the flooding of 200,000 acres of cotton fields in eastern Sudan amounted to a national catastrophe.

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President shot dead

Koror, Palau (AFP) — President Lazarus Salii of Palau, the US Pacific Trust Territory, was shot dead on Saturday, apparently by a gunman who was said to have burst into his home. But a presidential spokesman, asked if the death was suicide, said: "We're not ruling out anything."

Police said that Mr Salii, aged 54, who was said to have been alone, was shot once in the head in the living room, where a Magnun revolver and a spent bullet were found. The Vice President and Minister of Justice, Mr Thomas Remengesau, aged 57, has been sworn in as acting President.

Cambodia reshuffle

Bangkok (Reuter) — The Cambodian Government has appointed Mr Tie Banh deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister, replacing Mr Koy Buntha, who has been moved to the less important position of Minister of Social Action and War Invalids. Mr Tie was Minister of Communications, Transport and Posts.

Phnom Penh Radio, monitored here, said that a big Cabinet reshuffle involving 11 key posts included the appointment of Mr Sin Song, a former Khmer Rouge cadre who fled to Vietnam in 1977, as Interior Minister.

Mandela TB verdict

Johannesburg — The Tygerberg Hospital in Cape Town has confirmed officially for the first time that Nelson Mandela, aged 70, the jailed African National Congress leader, is suffering from tuberculosis (Michael Hornsby writes).

A spokesman for the medical superintendent of the hospital, Dr J.G.L. Strauss, said yesterday, after a visit by Professor Heinrich Hertzog, a Swiss lung specialist, that Mandela was steadily improving, was "fully ambulant" and had "an excellent chance of a complete recovery". Mandela was moved to the hospital from prison on August 12.

Hungary attacks Romanian village-razing plan

Budapest (AP) — Mr Imre Pozsgay, the Hungarian Minister of State, has denounced Romania's planned village-razing scheme as a "crime against mankind".

In what appeared to be the Hungarian Government's sharpest attack on Romania, party officials and the press, which is controlled by the regime, have also made clear that Hungary wants — and needs — international support for its efforts to prevent the demolition of some 7,000 Romanian villages by the year 2000.

According to plans unveiled in spring by President Ceausescu of Romania, the small communities are to give way to "agro-industrial centres" as part of a big land reform which would obliterate hundreds of villages inhabited by the 1.7 million Hungarian minority.

Hungarian officials have said that attempts to talk to their Romanian counterparts to try to defuse the conflict between the Warsaw Pact neighbours have failed.

Mr Pozsgay, a member of the Communist Party's Politburo, condemned the Romanian resettlement programme at the weekend, saying: "This is an evil act against European civilization, a criminal act against mankind."

He said it was not so much a question of bilateral relations, but rather "a question of how it can have happened to the shame of peoples, to the shame — not to a small extent — of socialism, that such plans were devised in Europe at the end of the 20th century".

Mr Pozsgay and other Hungarian leaders were addressing meetings on Saturday to mark national day, which this year fell on the 950th anniversary of the death of St Stephen, the founder of Hungarian nationhood and the country's first king.

"What is happening in Romania today and what is being prepared there because of its leaders' incomprehensible and maniacal political programme arouses contempt among the Romanian people, among the Hungarians living there, as well as among the Saxons, Serbs, Slovaks, among all those who live in a community of destiny in that region," Mr Pozsgay said.

Most of the ethnic Hungarians who claim that they suffer discrimination and the denial of their ethnic and cultural rights at the hands of the Romanian authorities live in Transylvania, which was part of the Hungarian nation until 1920.

At a rally in Eger, Mr Matyas Szuros, a Central Committee secretary, spoke of "destructive storms" endangering the ethnic Hungarians in Romania.

He reportedly said: "We consider them to be an organic part of the Hungarian nation ... We take a stand for guaranteeing their individual and collective nationality rights.

"We have to win extensive international support for these efforts. Our stand is in harmony with the international legal and moral-political norms. We cannot allow that they be forcefully separated from the Hungarian nation.

"We deem it extremely important that the world see and become conscious of the fact that impermissible events are taking place in Romania. Civilized nations cannot idly watch how bulldozers, running by emotions that have got out of hand, level centuries-old Hungarian, German, Romanian Serbian and Jewish settlements harbouring historical heritage."

Serbs demand weapons at rally over Kosovo

From Dessa Trevisan
Belgrade

Serbs and Montenegrins shouted "we want weapons" at a 20,000-strong rally on Saturday in Titograd, the capital of Montenegro, to protest about the treatment of Serbs in the neighbouring province of Kosovo.

The rally was part of a series of recent similar protests in defiance of explicit warnings from Yugoslav's leadership.

The Kosovo Serbs crossed the border for the first time to find support to fight the Albanian majority in their home province.

A Kosovo Serb leader, Mr Arscbasara, told the rally that the question was not just one of persecution, but of a deliberate "genocide" intent on extinguishing the Serbian nation and forcing it to emigrate. The crowds shouted "we want arms to fight" and demanded the dismissal of all politicians whom they accused of failing to meet popular demands. "It is our duty to exert fierce pressure," Mr Arscbasara said.

Serbs have staged four big protests recently to support the drive from Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian Communist Party leader, for constitutional changes to give Serbia direct control over Kosovo and Vojvodina.

The Yugoslav leadership has demanded on several occasions that such gatherings should stop. It claimed they were inflaming national conflicts and were being used as a means to exert undemocratic pressure in the constitutional debate over reforms. However, Mr Milosevic has paid no heed to such demands. The Kosovo issue obviously strikes the right chord in the Serbian nation which feels that Serbia has lost its territories in the present federal set-up and therefore should place its autonomous regions under direct control. The marchers first gathered last month in Novisad, the capital of Vojvodina, whose leaders are fiercely resisting reforms that would reduce the province's autonomy.

So far the Army has been silent during the rallies, although such massive protests give the country a new problem — rampant Serbian nationalism.

This could arouse suspicion in other parts of the country that the Serbs, numerically the largest ethnic group, are aiming to regain their dominant position in the federation.

Jaruzelski warning as strike-hit port is closed

By Our East European Correspondent

Amid increasing industrial unrest, the Polish authorities closed the north-western port of Szczecin yesterday.

The port, which had been paralysed for the past three days by strikes involving several thousand harbour and transport workers, has ceased to function effectively since the end of last week.

Strikers in Szczecin and several thousand miners on strike in Silesia in southern Poland were warned at the weekend by the Polish leader, General Wojciech Jaruzelski, after an emergency meeting of the National Defence Committee, that "appropriate decisions had been taken to meet the crisis".

The National Defence Committee is made up of the Polish chiefs of staff, and a "military" solution cannot be ruled out as a way of resolving the present troubles.

Unconfirmed reports said that riot police had been mobilized to seal off the 11 mines near Katowice which are on strike and which together employ about 75,000 people.

Hospitals in the area were reported to be on alert. All the strikers, in Szczecin and in Silesia, are demanding the reinstatement of the banned trade union movement Solidarity as well as higher wages.

Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, said yesterday that that the Lenin shipyard, the birthplace of the Solidarity movement, would go on strike today unless the Government agreed to hold negotiations with the strikers.

The Government is facing the most serious challenge to its authority since the days of martial law — more serious than the heroic but brief strike at the Lenin shipyard in May. But it is determined not to countenance any recognition of Solidarity, although it is prepared to concede higher wages in certain areas.

But as the mood hardened among the strikers yesterday, it seemed more unlikely that this would suffice to stem the increasing tide of resentment against the authorities.

Striking miners occupying their pits celebrated Mass yesterday morning, watched by policemen. They later gathered chains, stones and sticks for protection.

Despite General Jaruzelski's veiled threat of using force to break up the strike, such a solution is a high risk for the Government. Even the most sanguine of hard-liners doubts whether Poland could survive another period of martial law.

If the general resorts to force and fails to break the strikers' resolve quickly the consequences for the country and for his own position are incalculable.

As the situation deteriorated further yesterday, speculation began as to whether the latest wave of strikes had not in fact been provoked by a faction within General Jaruzelski's Government, weary of reform and aiming at his removal.

There are several pointers for this theory. The timing of the strikes has taken both General Jaruzelski and Solidarity, many of whose activists are away on holiday, by surprise.

The official media has been eager to show on Polish television screens how quickly the strike is spreading; its usual course of action is to play down any industrial strife.

Shortly before the strikes began, the mood of the people was hardened by a series of meat and sugar shortages, again well publicized in the official media.

Moreover, as in the May strike of this year, any threat of using force discredits General Jaruzelski in the eyes of the Western world and damages his credibility as the leader of the united Poland acceptable to the West and in step with the *glasnost* policies of the East.

Irrespective of any provocation from above aiming at unseating General Jaruzelski, the fact remains that, given the high price rises of recent months, a volatile mood of dissatisfaction prevails which can only continue to erupt and pose a challenge to the general's policies.

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Church editor falls victim to Moi's war on democracy



President Moi: Intimidation of even the mild dissenters.

By Paul Vallely

The Government of President Moi counts on the fact that you may never have heard of Bedan Mbugua, a quiet, gentle and dignified man who edits a small monthly magazine published by the Christian Council of Kenya.

The magazine's name is *Beyond*, and its main concern is with how its readers, mainly members of the Protestant churches in Kenya, should move beyond nominal acceptance of the Christian message to lead lives imbued with the Gospel values of love, peace and justice.

There is not much of liberation theology in that. *Beyond* is not a forum for revolutionary politics hidden behind a thin veneer of religious rhetoric but a collection of devout tracts, homespun spirituality and arcane ecclesiastical humour.

Last week, Mbugua was jailed for nine months, allegedly for failing to submit to the Kenyan registrar-general proper accounts and returns of sales for his magazine, a duty he maintained lay with its publisher.

But his real "crime" was that in March he published a detailed article exposing government intimidation in the preliminary round of the Kenyan general election which, for the first time since independence, abolished the secret ballot and forced voters to stand in queues behind the candidate of their choice.

Arbitrary and transparently unfair arrest and detention is nothing new in modern Kenya. What is significant about the arrest of Mbugua is that the intimidation practised by the Moi regime on even the mildest of dissenters has now spread to the country's churchmen.

Over the past two years the erosion of democracy in Kenya, once the exemplar of good democratic and judicial practice in Africa, has become worrying.

President Moi has pronounced that Parliament is subordinate to Kanu, the ruling group in the one-party state, and all MPs are subject to party discipline for the remarks they make in the National Assembly.

The secret ballot has been abolished in the preliminary round of elections, and the independence of the Attorney and Auditor Generals has been curtailed.

Judges who do not pronounce as the Government wishes have been removed from politically senstive cases, and citizens expressing reservations have been detained without trial and, it is widely reported, tortured unless they agree to plead guilty to trumped-up charges.

Last month, President Moi announced a new law which will give police the right to hold suspects legally for 14 days without bringing them to court and give him personally the power to sack High Court and Appeal judges.

In the early years, detention was reserved largely for President Moi's political opponents but was then extended to academics and businessmen who were said to be members of Mwakenya, an underground opposition movement whose exploits seemed to exist largely in the files of imaginative secret policemen.

Last August, a journalist, Paul Amina, who worked for Reuters and various other Western news media covering the Nairobi courthouse where dubious forms of justice were meted out to the regime's opponents, was detained without trial.

When Amina, one of the lawyers, Mr Gibson Kamaua Kuria,

"Moi is basically a good man who needs better information"

and a university computer science lecturer, Mr Kariuki Gathitu, were recently released, all three separately reported that they had been stripped naked and subjected to humiliating tortures.

The violent face of the regime became public when four Western journalists covering a protest at Nairobi University were set upon by police and beaten up despite clearly identifying themselves.

Dissent, however constructive or sympathetic, has been silenced. Only among the churches has protest continued. The fact that President Moi professes himself a Christian has, until now, saved these critics from jail, though they have frequently been pilloried or sacked.

The last time I met Mbugua he was sharing his home with one of Kenya's most charismatic preachers, the Rev Timothy Njoya, who had been expelled from his living in what had become, thanks to his preaching, one of Nairobi's best-attended churches.

Mr Njoya had been removed after a series of uncompromising sermons on the indivisibility of human dignity in spiritual and political contexts alike.

But the tone of the discreet criticism of President Moi over the Mbugua dinner table was judicious and fair-minded. "He is basically a good man who needs better information of what is going on in the country," Mbugua said.

In March, after the first round of voting in the general election, Mbugua tried to provide some such information by sending reporters to five key constituencies.

The special issue of the magazine he produced revealed widespread intimidation of voters by Kanu officials and the falsification of ballot figures by returning officers which led to the defeat of the two sitting MPs, who were the most outspoken critics of the corruption and nepotism by which the ruling elite increases its wealth and power.

Some 87 per cent of those eligible to vote registered their protest by boycotting the new process of queueing behind Kanu officials holding portraits of the various candidates. It was, according to a *Beyond* editorial, a "mockery of democracy" and a new election was imperative.

Information, it seems, was not what President Moi really required. Mbugua is now in jail, with no leave to appeal, and it is an offence punishable by three years in prison to so much as possess a copy of his magazine.

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Puzzle over military link

Hundreds questioned in Zia murder investigation

From Nicholas Beeston, Islamabad

Pakistani investigators trying to determine who was responsible for the death of President Zia have questioned more than 500 people and detained at least 100, although sources say that they appear no nearer finding the culprits.

The acting President, Mr Ghulam Ishaq Khan, admitted over the weekend that "the enemy has penetrated the inner defences of the country", but refused to say whether members of General Zia's military entourage had been questioned or arrested.

Western diplomats believe that if a bomb caused the crash of the Hercules C 130, as now seems probable, then only someone with the highest security clearance could have smuggled it on board.

Despite concern that those responsible may still be at large, General Zia's funeral, which attracted hundreds of thousands of mourners on Saturday, was carried out in a relaxed atmosphere. Among princes, presidents and commoners there was a tangible optimism that a new chapter in Pakistan's history was being opened after 11 years of dictatorial rule.

Pakistani officials and senior Western diplomats are confident that a smooth transition of power from the military-based rule of General Zia to a democratically-elected civilian one is now under way following his death on Wednesday. "The Pakistani people have had more than enough military rule in the last 11 years," one Western diplomat said, echoing the sentiment of several of his colleagues. "Zia was boxed in (politically) and it was getting dicey. The democratic process now has a better chance."

After news of General Zia's death, observers feared that another military strongman might take his place or that opposition parties would attempt to seize power in a Philippines-style burst of popular anti-government sentiment which led to the downfall of Mr Ferdinand Marcos. Over the weekend at least two people were killed and 22 were injured in ethnic clashes between supporters and opponents of President Zia, in what observers called a very muted response to his death.

The interim Government has suprised world figures attending the funeral by its efficiency and the pragmatism displayed by the leadership, which will govern until elections on November 16.

The US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, and the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, met Mr Ishaq Khan, and the new Army Chief of Staff, General Mirza Aslam Beg. Visiting officials were impressed by the determination of the new leaders to maintain calm and ensure free and fair elections.

Neither man, one a seasoned administrator and the other a professional soldier, has shown any sign of political ambition and they appear to have won the trust of the main opposition parties, including Miss Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party.

The powerful armed forces also appear to have gained their confidence, and President Ishaq Khan praised their "remarkable discipline". A Western diplomat said the military was "acting in a very mature fashion".

On May 29 General Zia dismissed the civilian Government of Mr Muhammad Khan Junejo, the Prime Minister, even though his Pakistan Muslim League was the party most sympathetic to his rule. When the President Zia announced non-party elections in November, pundits predicted that he had placed himself in an impossible position – committed to elections but having shown his inability to work with a civilian government.

In a sign that the interim leadership has embarked on a policy of greater moderation, President Ishaq Khan said he would accept the decision of the Supreme Court, to which Miss Bhutto has appealed against non-party elections. The court is expected to uphold Miss Bhutto's claim.

● **KARACHI:** Thirty-six people, including local Pakistan Peoples' Party leaders, were arrested here in connection with rocket attacks on three oil refineries.

Search for earthquake survivors



Rescue workers searching yesterday for survivors in the ruins of a collapsed building in Bhatkapur, eastern Nepal. More than 400 people are known to have died in an earthquake measuring 6.7 on the Richter scale that levelled hundreds of houses in remote towns and villages along the Indian border with Nepal. More tremors are likely in the next few days.

Tamils die as Indians raid bases in jungle

Colombo (AFP) – At least 22 people, 16 of them Tamil rebels, have died during a six-day search by Indian soldiers for separatists in northern Sri Lanka, Indian sources said. But Tamil sources said 25 soldiers and 50 rebels had been killed.

A dozen Tamil bunkers were destroyed in the Army raids, backed by helicopter gunships, in the Wanni jungle area, where Velupillai Prabhakaran, leader of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, is believed to be.

Aids death

Paris (Reuter) – Jean-Paul Aron, the French writer and philosopher and the first French celebrity to make public the fact that he had Aids, has died aged 62.

Gun attack

Oslo (Reuter) – A man with a shotgun gave himself up after killing four people and wounding two more on a shooting range at Farsund, southern Norway. Two of the dead were ambulancemen.

Car bomb

Madrid – In the third suspected Basque terrorist attack on Spain's Civil Guard in two days, a car bomb killed two policemen and wounded two civilians near Pamplona.

Cairo reprieve

Cairo (Reuter) – Most charges against 15 Egyptians facing the death sentence for sabotage on behalf of Libya were dropped because of lack of evidence.

Arms stolen

Bonn (Reuter) – Scores of guns and grenades were stolen from the West German Army in 1987, the Defence Ministry said, but denied a *Bild* report that enough had vanished to equip an Army unit.

Bus tragedy

Madrid – A bus from Cordoba to Málaga plunged off a mountain road, killing eight and injuring 36, the second fatal coach crash in three days.

Stepping back

Moscow (Reuter) – A 33,000-year-old leg of a mammoth complete with hair and toenails was found near Magadan in the Soviet Far East.

Ceasefire in the Gulf

Iran rejects Iraq's claims on sniper fire

Nicosia (AFP) – The Gulf War ceasefire held yesterday for the second day after its implementation, despite Iraqi charges of an Iranian violation and Tehran's denial of the incident.

An Iranian official categorically denied charges by Baghdad that an infiltrating Iranian sniper had shot dead an Iraqi soldier on Saturday three hours after the truce began along the frontline Seif Saad region.

He said that not a single bullet had been fired on Iraqi positions, according to the Iranian news agency IRNA in a despatch received in Nicosia. The Iraqis said their forces had not responded.

The eight-year Gulf War ended officially on Saturday with a 350-man United Nations observer force in position along the 750-mile Iran-Iraq border, as Iraq sent its first vessels through the Gulf and accused Iran of jeopardizing the truce by demanding to inspect them.

Iraq sent an oil tanker through the Gulf shortly after the ceasefire's implementation, the Government announced. The Ain Zala, carrying 18,000 tons of Iraqi crude oil, became the first Iraqi tanker to travel through the Gulf since the war began in September 1980.

The commander of the Iranian Navy said on Friday that his country would continue to exercise its right to inspect ships in the Gulf until a comprehensive peace was secured. The Iraqi news agency, INA, reported that an Iranian helicopter gunship hovered over an Iraqi cargo ship, the Khaoula, as it sailed into the Strait of Hormuz.

But it denied yesterday that the vessel was boarded by an Iranian inspection party. The Khaoula's captain followed his instructions fully and did not permit the Iranians to stop the ship or board it, INA said.

The vessel sailed unconcerned by the Iranian Navy's "irresponsible behavior", INA quoted the captain as saying, adding that Iraq reaffirmed its right to unimpeded navigation in international waters, and saying it would respond in accordance with its international rights, without specifying any action.

In other developments, several Iranian gunboats took up positions in the strategic Shatt al-Arab waterway on Saturday in full view of the UN observer force to defend Iran's international frontiers, IRNA reported.

The waterway is at the head of the Gulf where the Tigris and Euphrates rivers meet, and will be central to peace talks between Iran and Iraq. Baghdad claims ownership and Tehran says the Shatt – which it calls Arvenrud – is part of its frontier.

Negotiations between the two countries' foreign ministers on a peace settlement are to begin on August 25 in Geneva, under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General.

● **WEST BEIRUT:** The Syrian Army here came under attack yet again yesterday when a car bomb exploded beside a Syrian military checkpoint (Robert Fisk writes).

The bombing will only have deepened Syrian suspicion that the Iraqis may be trying to destroy their operations in Lebanon now that Iran is no longer occupying the attention of the Baghdad Government.

The explosives had been packed inside a car parked overnight just 6 ft from the checkpoint. Fifteen people, mostly civilians, were wounded and at least one Syrian soldier was badly hurt.

Uprising sharpens ethnic tension in Israel

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

A boy aged eight lost a leg and 26 others were injured when a hand grenade exploded in a crowded pedestrian mall in the northern port city of Haifa on Saturday night.

This was the latest incident reflecting growing tension between Jews and Arabs inside Israel as the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip continued unchecked well into its ninth month.

Several Arab suspects, including three men from the West Bank town of Jenin seen running away immediately after the blast, were detained.

Most of the injuries were minor, but Jonathan Meir, who lost his leg and suffered a head injury, and his brother, Dan, aged three, who had abdominal injuries, were seriously hurt. Saturday night's blast in a mixed city with a large Arab minority is likely further to exacerbate Arab-Jewish tension, after two particularly nasty incidents last week in which three Arab labourers and a Jewish girl were gruesomely murdered.

In the first incident, three building workers from Gaza were burnt to death in a construction site hut in the village of Or Yehuda near Tel Aviv. Police found that the door of the hut had been locked from the outside before arsonists poured paraffin on the structure and set it alight. The incident set off violent disturbances in the Gaza Strip. A Jewish suspect from the village, aged 17, has been arrested.

This was followed by the discovery near the West Bank town of Al-Bireh, of the charred body of Ziva Goldovsky, aged 18, an idealistic woman known to have mixed with Palestinians in pursuit of her ideal of Jewish-Arab co-existence. Police said she had been shot in the head and her body later burnt. Four Arab suspects have been arrested.

In both cases, nationalist motives were suspected. Whatever the case, there can be little doubt that the past eight months of violence in the West Bank and Gaza have had an insidious influence on Arab-Jewish relations, not only inside the Occupied Territories but also inside Israel.

This has been reflected by the growing number of violent incidents involving Arabs and Jews, many of them minor and some of them bordering on the farcical. In one bizarre incident, two Jewish toughs beat up a man they thought was an Arab – and apologized profusely when they found later that their victim was a Jew. Such incidents, the farcical and tragic alike, are not new. But it would appear that Israelis are now reacting far more hysterically, and incidents that would earlier have escaped public notice are now front-page news.

● **300 detained:** About 300 members of the Popular Committees in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, are in detention, the Israeli Cabinet was told yesterday.

The Popular Committees, which Israel perceives as being the organizational backbone of the uprising in the Occupied Territories, were declared illegal last week in a move that would facilitate the arrest and prosecution of anyone associated with them. Defence sources were yesterday quoted as denying, however, that there would be a spate of mass arrests.

Powell's Australia trip fuels race row over immigrants

By Andrew McEwen in London and Robert Cockburn in Sydney

Amid a sharp public debate in Australia over race and immigration it was announced yesterday that Mr Enoch Powell will visit the country next month to make speeches.

The timing appeared to be a coincidence, but was interpreted by an Australian television station as adding fuel to a row which has split the opposition coalition and unsettled government officials. It quoted Australian foreign ministry officials as being "far from happy" about it.

In London Mr Powell, the former MP for South Down, told *The Times* that he had been invited by the universities of Sydney and Canberra. The subject of his speeches remained to be decided, but immigration was a possibility. "It is a matter for agreement between myself and my hosts," he said. "I never speak about race," making a distinction between race and immigration.

For the first time in 20 years the race of immigrants appears to be re-emerging as an electoral issue in Australia. After the "White Australia" policy was dropped in the 1960s, all political parties supported a non-discriminatory policy. But with more than 40 per cent of the population coming from non-English speaking origins, there has always been a risk that the issue would re-emerge.

The first sign of change came three weeks ago when Mr John Howard, Leader of the Liberal and National Coalition opposition, said that any future Liberal government would need to be able to control both the numbers and the source of immigrants. He singled out Asians as a group that would be subject to controls.

His statement caused heated divisions within his own party and speculation that it could cost him his leadership.

His views have been attacked by Mr Robert Hawke, the Prime Minister, who said yesterday: "It's morally repugnant and it's economically insane."

Mr Hawke gave a warning that Asian leaders would not accept the treatment of their citizens as less than equal. Such a policy would have economic consequences for Australia – a point made last week by the Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr Lee Kuan Yew.

Mr Howard had been accused of being short of controversial issues, but is now the centre of debate. Part of Sydney's telephone system failed last week when thousands of callers tried to get through to a live television programme conducting a phone-in poll on the issue. Newspapers are running extra pages to cope with the mail for and against.

Twenty Asian countries accounted for 32 per cent of immigrants entering Australia last year, against 20 per cent from Britain and the Irish Republic.

Flamboyant Hunt brothers lose £76m in silver dealing case



Nelson Bunker Hunt: Son of a legendary gambler.

From Charles Bremner, New York

The three Hunt brothers of Dallas, flamboyant scions of one of the richest dynasties in the United States, have been ordered by a New York court to pay more than $130 million (£76 million) in damages for scheming to corner the world market in silver.

After a six-month trial and six days of deliberation, the civil jury found that the brothers, Nelson Bunker, William Herbert and Lamar, had conspired with a group of investors to drive up the price of silver in 1979 and early 1980.

The silver gambit, closely followed at the time by the world's press, failed when the price swung from $9 an ounce in September, 1979, to $50 in January, 1980, and back to $10 in March.

The jury said that the Hunts, sons of the legendary H.L. Hunt, a gambler who turned his poker winnings into a $2 billion oil fortune, had ruined the investments of the Peruvian Government's mineral marketing company, Minpeco S.A.

Minpeco alleged that the Hunts broke racketeering laws by scheming to monopolize the market. In the months they operated, they bought 59 million ounces, about a third of the world's supply.

Minpeco, like many in the market, was burnt because it banked on a price drop and sold futures contracts "short".

Lawyers spent five years preparing the case against the Hunts and their associates. The other defendants were Mahmood Fustock, a brother-in-law of the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, the International Metals Investment Company of Bermuda, which is owned by the Hunts and two Saudi sheikhs, Mohammed Aboud al-Amoudi and Ali Bin Mussalem.

Mr Mark Cymrot, one of the lawyers, said they were confident the Hunts could pay, despite their own loss of an estimated $1.5 billion. The Hunts had projected a $4 billion profit. "These are wealthy men and we should be able to collect," he said.

The Hunts, brash and larger than life even by Texas standards, maintained at the trial that the gyration was the result of world events at the time, including the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the seizure of the American hostages in Tehran.

Throughout the trial, described by Judge Morris Lasker as "an epic experience", the Hunts demonstrated their frugality by travelling by underground train to Manhattan's Federal Court.

The silver débâcle was the first of several blows to the Hunt empire. The collapse in the oil price five years ago forced two big family companies into the protection of bankruptcy. According to court papers, the brothers' assets total $1 billion dollars, against $5 billion before the silver scheme.

Politically conservative, the brothers came to symbolize the swaggering, gambling, Texas image. *The New York Times* said the internal feuding in their family makes the Ewings of *Dallas* look like a happy family.

Nelson Bunker, William Herbert and Lamar emerged after their father's death to take hold of the family fortunes, although they were only three of the old man's 15 children by three wives.

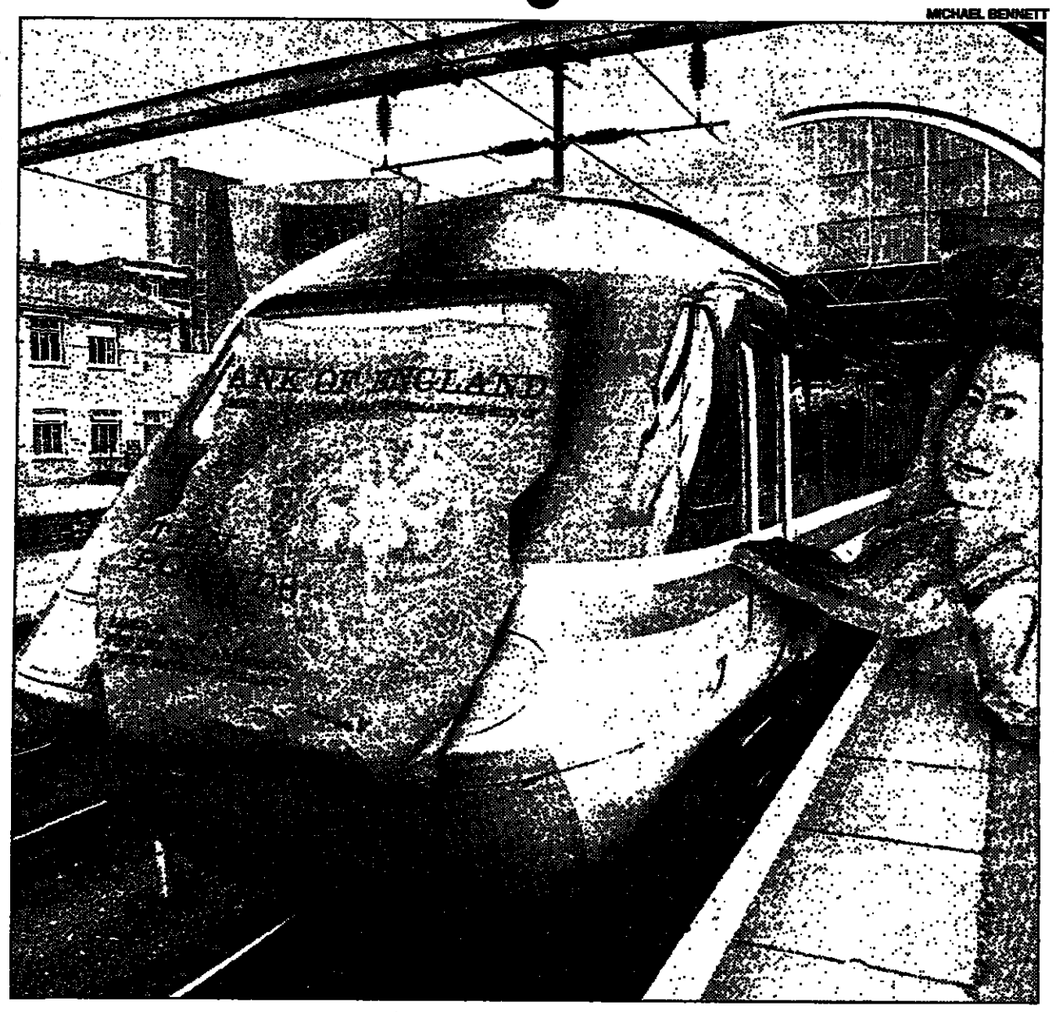
Several other suits against the Hunts are pending and the brothers have also filed a $1.5 billion case against 22 American and foreign banks, alleging that they plotted to bankrupt them by lending them money they could not repay, then taking over their business at bargain prices.

SPECTRUM

Whose money on the line?

As fears of a big rise in fares for long-distance commuters bring heated protests, William Greaves joins the great debate about the future of the railways, 25 years after Dr Beeching swung his axe

MICHAEL BENNETT



If popular mythology has got it anywhere near right, just about every male worker in Britain over the age of 45 is employed in his second, third of even fourth favourite choice of job. His first choice, of course, was to grow up to become a train driver.

It was an adolescent ambition — if it really existed at all — which was born of an age when the Victorian concept of a whole nation of towns and villages linked by a railway network was still gloriously intact and when the countryside echoed to the tune of whistles and safety valves. Twenty five years ago, Dr Richard Beeching changed all that with one ruthless sweep of his infamous axe. Now those 17,000 miles of permanent way which were the envy of the railway world have shrunk to little more than 10,000. Already last week's tactical leak from British Rail that London's long-distance commuters might well have the cost of their annual season ticket raised by 20 per cent next year and doubled by 1994 is being hailed as Beeching's second coming — another cynical off-loading of non-profitable rail passengers on to an already overcrowded road system.

The vast majority of us who failed to achieve our early ambition of getting on the footplate now harbour a firm belief that even if we do not know how to drive an engine, we do know how the railways *ought* to be run if anybody were to have the good grace to ask for our opinion.

The great debate, fuelled into new frenzy by last week's revelations, can be simply stated: should trains be seen as an essential part of the social and economic infrastructure of any civilized nation, almost regardless of cost, and linked into an integrated road, rail and air transport policy? Or should British Rail be stripped of its privileges, relieved of its social responsibilities and be made to do what any other industry is expected to do — develop what pays, scrap what does not and get its hands out of the taxpayer's pocket?

David Kirby, vice-chairman of the British Railways Board, while admitting that the years have tilted him somewhat from idealist to pragmatist, was happy enough to nail his colours to the mast when he shared a working lunch at the board's Euston headquarters. "We already have a railway, large sections of which are — or shortly will be — profitable in the fullest sense," he said. "Equally, I recognize there are many, many miles of railway in the country which can never be profitable on any commercial basis.

'We have no policy on transport, but any policy which persuades people on to the roads is insane'

"I see no problem in running these on contract to the community if that is what the community wants — on the understanding that we are still expected to prove that we are running them as efficiently as we possibly can."

In April InterCity became BR's first passenger section to have its subsidy removed altogether and aims to go into the black to the tune of £66 million in five years. Of the other sectors, Network SouthEast's current helping hand of about £240 million a year is expected to drop to around £85 million by 1992-93, while the Provincial Sector at the moment needs grant support of well over £500 million.

So is last week's threat to penalize London's long range — mostly InterCity — commuters nothing more subtle than a fattening-up diet for the only healthy pig in the sty before it is taken to the privatization market? Or is it seen by BR — even more cynically — as a quick and painless way of ditching all those extra passengers who have recently given rise to accusations of overcrowding, while still keeping profit targets on line by surcharging the fortunate few who can still afford to pay for their comfort?

British Rail, predictably enough, insists that it is merely ironing out anomalies which have allowed long-distance season ticket holders more miles for their money than their suburban counterparts, that it expects few passengers to take to the roads in protest — "we are not in the business of losing customers" — and that only by increasing profits can it justify the kind of investment which it needs to reduce overcrowding and improve the service in the long term.

And BR's most eye-opening claim is that it has never been approached by a Government dedicated to the policy of denationalization to prepare any or all of its passenger operations for private ownership.

Although it is scarcely surprising that howls of protest have greeted the threat of long-distance season ticket increases — BR refuses to confirm actual figures — what is surprising is the direction from which some of the protests have come.

Robert Adley, Conservative MP for Christchurch and vice-chairman of the Tory backbench Transport Committee, might have been expected to toe his party's line to privatize or be damned. He does no such thing. Confronted with the choice of whether the railways should be a profit-making business or part of an integrated transport system for the nation's good, he says: "I am very much of the latter opinion. People on the fringes of the political Left and Right arrange their ideas to fit the party dogma — but the fact is that transport and politics make uneasy bedfellows.

"Of course it's true that if you are desperately looking for extra revenue, then the InterCity commuter is probably best able to pay. Anyone who has sold up in London at vast profit and moved into the country is scarcely the most oppressed of people today. But any policy which persuades people on to the roads is insane.

"The trouble is that we don't have, and have never had, a transport policy in this country. While the French are building new high-speed track which takes into account the extra power of electrification, we are still using a rail system with gradients which were designed for steam trains 150 years ago.

"When Paul Channon (the Minister of Transport) told me the other day that the Government has set aside £5 billion for railway investment over the next five years, I had to point out to him that the Germans have earmarked £4½ billion for this next 12 months alone. And even the Americans are subsidizing one line — from Boston to Washington via New York — with a sum equal to 60 per cent of the subsidy which is going into the entire British rail system."

'This will come as a cruel blow to those who are obliged to travel many miles to find work'

Judith Hanna, assistant director of Transport 2000, the pressure group campaigning for an integrated transport policy in Britain, takes issue with Adley in only one respect. "There is all this talk of people who can well afford these extra fares, but what about those who have never lived in the South-East, and can never hope to do so, but are obliged to travel many miles to the only place they can find work? This will come as a cruel blow to them."

And she is outraged by a Treasury policy which requires BR to guarantee an immediate 7 per cent return on all major investment without allowing it to write into its calculations any of the hidden social benefits which are permitted to justify comparable road programmes. The British Railways Board freely acknowledges that not once since its formation in 1962 has it been asked by any Government to plan any future move in co-operation with another form of land or air transport system.

It insists that only 15,000 daily London commuters out of a total of 444,000 can expect to be affected by the long-distance season ticket increases and that many of them already enjoy London "weighting" on their salaries and company assistance with travel. And even if they do not receive such help, a jump from spending 10 per cent of their annual salary on travel to 12 per cent is scarcely going to rock any domestic budget, however carefully it was balanced in the first place.

But as commuters board their trains at Doncaster, Grantham and Bristol this morning to journey to the capital, they could be sufficiently shocked to lay down their newspapers and even engage in an unwanted outburst of indignant conversation.

There is little doubt which way they will vote in the great transport debate. And if they decide that in future they will let the roads take the strain, then it is quite possible that the Government will be forced to change its tune and stop BR in its track.

For the strong rumour is that the railways only let the cat out of the bag three months before they have officially to implement the season ticket increases to see whether public and parliamentary reaction will let them get away with it.

Mirroring the stars in carbon

SCIENCE REPORT

Will telescope mirrors of the future be made of carbon? The idea is not as preposterous as it sounds. Trying to build ever-bigger telescopes, astronomers have pushed the technology of conventional glass mirrors to the limit, and are beginning to look to other materials. At a meeting of optical engineers in San Diego, California, in mid-August, West German aerospace scientist Wolfgang Ernst described how honeycomb structures of carbon may make mirrors both lighter and cheaper.

The carbon composite technology is still in an early stage, but Ernst is confident that it will one day compete with conventional glass mirrors. The composite consists of carbon fibres intermingled with a variety of other materials, the exact composition of which is confidential.

Ernst's idea grew out of a project by the US for putting thousands of mirrors into earth orbit, to be used in conjunction with laser beams in a space-based defence system. The eight years of development work on lightweight, reliable mirrors that could be mass-produced may bear fruit for optical astronomy on earth as well as in space.

Bigger mirrors allow astronomers to see to greater distances and in greater detail. But glass mirrors more than five metres across buckle under their own weight, and distortions of less than a millionth of a metre will blur astronomical images. Big mirrors also respond poorly to outside temperature changes; even the best modern glasses expand and contract slightly with heat and cold, again causing distortions.

Optical engineers are looking for ways to make glass mirrors larger despite these physical limitations. One group in the US is building a telescope, to be set up in Hawaii, with an effective diameter of 10 metres. It is using 36 hexagonal sections, each 1.8 metres across, and each controlled electronically by motors. This approach is promising but the fine control needed to keep all the mirror segments simultaneously "in phase", so that they receive the same light wave at the same time, has not yet been demonstrated. In another project still being planned, the mirror of the European Southern Observatory's New Technology Telescope, in Chile, will rely on some kind of computer-controlled "active optics" to reduce distortion.

Ernst favours a single mirror of carbon composition, which could be as large as eight or 10 metres in diameter. So far, he has built a 1.5-metre prototype that weighs only 15 kg. He has applied for funding from the West German Research and Technology Ministry to build a 2.4-metre prototype that would weigh 200 kg using somewhat different materials. Traditional glass mirrors would weigh five times as much.

How did he reduce the weight so dramatically? The answer lies not only in the material used, but also in the structure. Ernst creates his mirrors with built-in air pockets, all of which are joined by narrow tubes to ensure an even temperature across the entire mirror. This "honeycomb" structure has also been used with glass, but the high temperature needed to cast molten glass can crack the negative forms used to give the mirror its shape. Ernst's carbon compounds can be shaped at room temperature, allowing the forms to be used over and over again.

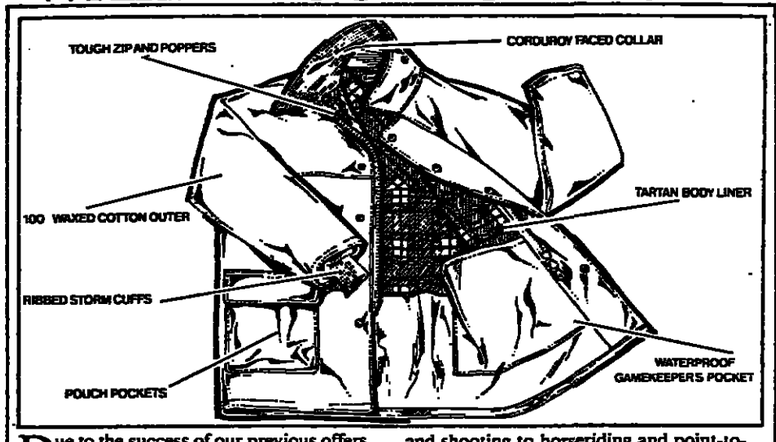
Ernst also came up with a neat solution to the problem of ensuring a perfect reflecting surface on his unconventional mirrors. He uses a diamond coating. Because diamond is also a form of carbon, the coating joins smoothly on to the underlying surface, cutting down unwanted internal reflections which could mar performance. Diamond's hardness also provides protection against abrasions that would spoil the surface.

The astronomical community is mostly reserving judgement on Ernst's mirrors until their quality has been proven. The carbon technology is in its infancy, whereas the European New Technology Telescope should be operating in 1989 and the 10-metre telescope in Hawaii in 1990. But interest has come from East and West: Ernst was invited to a conference in Moscow last year by Soviet space science mogul Roald Sagdeev.

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Nile riddle for the weathermen

The Met Office failed to predict the devastating Sudan floods. But is the drought over?

The catastrophic flooding in Sudan is the latest in a string of abnormal weather events this summer, and it raises a number of important questions about their significance. In particular, just how exceptional has the rainfall in Khartoum been: do these floods signal the end of 20 years of drought in the sub-Saharan Sahel region; and is the global climate becoming more variable?

The rainfall in the Sahel is intimately linked with global weather patterns and the movement of the belt of clouds that girdle the earth close to the equator, known as the inter-tropical conversion zone. As the overhead sun moves northwards each summer, this zone of equatorial rainfall follows behind, to bring a short, wet season to the fringes of the Sahara.

This apparently orderly progression disguises the fact that the rainfall consists of widely spaced showers, only a few of which spread as far north as Khartoum. So the amount of rainfall can vary greatly from place to place and from time to time. During the long years of drought the showers failed to spread as far north as in earlier, wetter years.

This erratic behaviour, combined with scanty records, means that it is difficult to draw definite conclusions about the record-breaking nature of the recent rain in Sudan. On the basis of available statistics, the eight inches that fell in 13 hours on August 5 and 6 was more than double any single storm in the last 90 years, and comfortably exceeded the average annual rainfall for Khartoum. This can be regarded as a remarkable meteorological event but on its own it does not constitute evidence of a shift in the climate.

Across the Sahel, from Sudan to Mauritania, rainfall has been patchy this summer. Up to mid-August it was still well below normal in spite of some heavy falls. Thus far, the behaviour had fitted in with the forecast of the Meteorological Office, which accurately forecast poor rainfall in 1986 and 1987 and predicted the same for this year.

The recent rain does not provide clear-cut evidence that the drought is coming to an end. Moreover, the concerns about irreversible changes resulting from overgrazing, the clearing of trees, and the expansion of the Sahara southwards are still important factors in the climatic debate. Indeed, the fact that the floods in Sudan have been made worse by the clearance of forests in the Ethiopian highlands is yet further evidence that man-made changes are increasing the impact of climatic variability.

As to whether recent extremes, both in Sudan and elsewhere, are part of a permanent shift in the climate, it is probably too soon to say. While there is no doubt that global temperatures are rising, apparently in response to the "greenhouse effect", the parallel assumption that this change will lead to more extreme weather is much more difficult to establish.

Meteorological records are always being broken, but there is no agreement within the meteorological community as to whether climatic variability is on the increase. None of this alters the awfulness of the disaster in Sudan. Nor does it assuage the uneasy feeling that all is not well with the weather. It does, however, provide a reminder not to jump to sweeping conclusions on the basis of a single, extreme event.

W.J. Burroughs

Channel trips at bargain prices

The Times and P & O European Ferries are offering big savings on autumn crossings to France and Belgium

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This autumn readers of *The Times* will once more be able to make day trips to France and Belgium at special bargain prices.

The offer, which was hugely successful when last made in 1986, will run from Sunday, September 18, until Sunday, December 18, and the price for two people travelling with a car will be the same as it was two years ago.

The offer is made in conjunction with P & O European Ferries and is available on all seven of their Channel crossing routes — from Dover to Calais, Boulogne, Zeebrugge or Ostend; from Felixstowe to Zeebrugge; and from Portsmouth to Le Havre or Cherbourg.

To qualify, readers will have to collect three tokens and an entry form from this week's issues of *The Times*. Coupons will appear tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday, and the booking form and an extra coupon will be printed on Friday. Applications must then be made by post on the booking form, enclosing three tokens per booking (not per person), and the fare payment.

Savings under the terms of the offer will be substantial. For instance, a group of four adults sailing from Dover to Calais would save more than £60 on the round trip.

Fares on all routes will be the same — £5 per passenger, children under the age of 4 free, and £10 per vehicle. Minibuses may be carried subject to a maximum of nine passengers. The maximum length for any vehicle is 5.5 metres. A supplement of £10 per vehicle must be paid in advance if applicants wish to travel on a Saturday.

This is the first time that such an offer has been available in the early autumn, with every hope of good weather for sightseeing trips in and around the Channel ports. Later trips will afford an excellent opportunity to lay in French delicacies, gifts, kitchenwares and wines as Christmas shopping.

The offer is made subject to availability, and from previous experience it is known that the demand will be very heavy. Readers will be asked to nominate three alternative dates on which they would like to travel. Only one of these dates can be a Saturday.

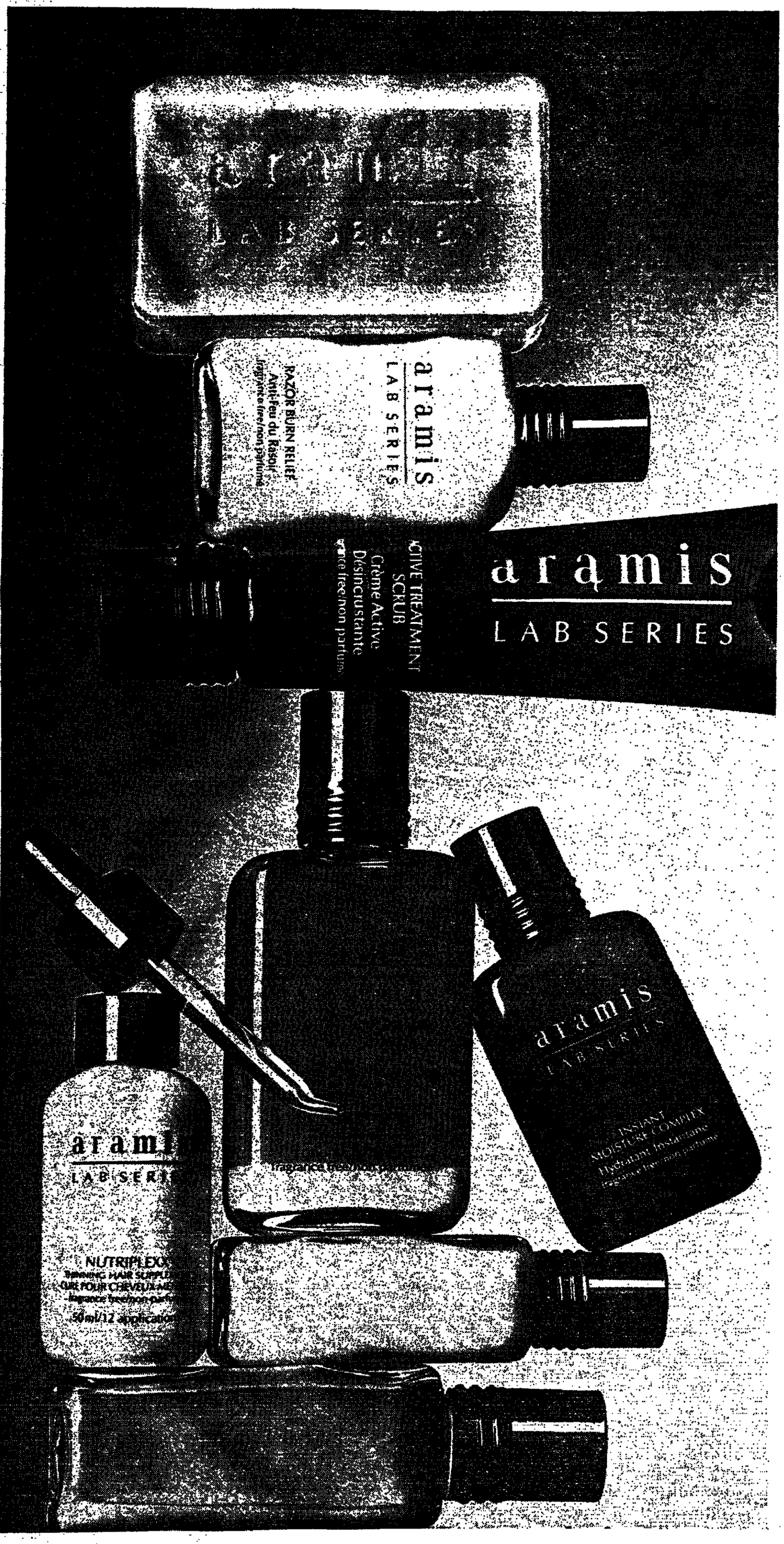
With crossings on the short sea routes between Dover and Calais and Boulogne readers will not be given a choice of destination but will only be able to choose the time band within which they wish to travel. They will then be taken to Calais or Boulogne as accommodation permits. Both outward and inward journeys will, though, be made through the same port.

If requested sailings or dates are not available, money will be refunded, but the offer will enable many thousands of readers to enjoy outings to France at unbeatable rates, and so long as three coupons and payment accompany each booking form there is no rule against multiple applications.

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TIMES DIARY

CLEMENT FREUD

There is currently a campaign called Danger Stranger designed to warn children of the perils of communion with people they do not know. One of the projects, sponsored by a life assurance company, was a competition for the most original poster on this theme. I was asked to judge.

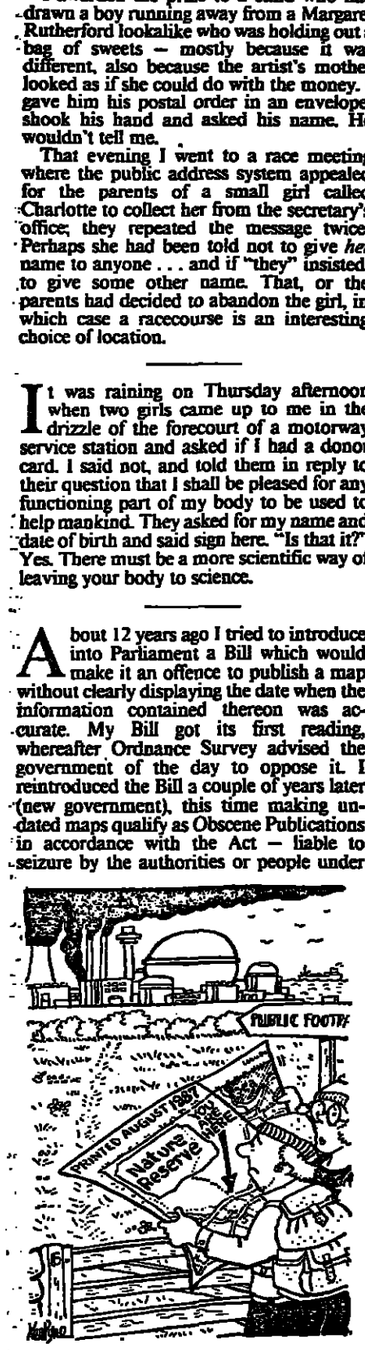
The pictures, in common, showed "the stranger" as huge, bearded, with piercing eyes, dressed in a flowing cape that was either purple or scarlet and often wearing a conical hat. (Statistics show that more than 90 per cent of child molestation is perpetrated by relatives or close friends of the children).

I awarded the prize to a child who had drawn a boy running away from a Margaret Rutherford lookalike who was holding out a bag of sweets – mostly because it was different, also because the artist's mother looked as if she could do with the money. I gave him his postal order in an envelope, shook his hand and asked his name. He wouldn't tell me.

That evening I went to a race meeting where the public address system appealed for the parents of a small girl called Charlotte to collect her from the secretary's office; they repeated the message twice. Perhaps she had been told not to give *her* name to anyone . . . and if "they" insisted, to give some other name. That, or the parents had decided to abandon the girl, in which case a racecourse is an interesting choice of location.

It was raining on Thursday afternoon when two girls came up to me in the drizzle of the forecourt of a motorway service station and asked if I had a donor card. I said not, and told them in reply to their question that I shall be pleased for any functioning part of my body to be used to help mankind. They asked for my name and date of birth and said sign here. "Is that it?" Yes. There must be a more scientific way of leaving your body to science.

About 12 years ago I tried to introduce into Parliament a Bill which would make it an offence to publish a map without clearly displaying the date when the information contained thereon was accurate. My Bill got its first reading, whereafter Ordnance Survey advised the government of the day to oppose it. I reintroduced the Bill a couple of years later (new government), this time making undated maps qualify as Obscene Publications in accordance with the Act – liable to seizure by the authorities or people under



the citizens arrest procedure. No one opposed it, but when it came up for second reading a Tory whip shouted "Object", which killed it. I asked him why; he said his people had told him to.

It is with considerable joy, therefore, that I came across the *1988 AA British Road Guide* – in which *1988* is set in big type. I hope it kills off all undated guides and gazetteers whose publishers came to lobby me in the Seventies to explain that dating maps would curtail print runs and cause the price of maps to escalate. Since then, undated maps have outperformed the retail price index by more than 100 per cent.

I have been given a Magic Kenkoh. It is a blue plastic cylinder with pimples; you grip it in the palm of your hand and it turns red. "Colour change," states the instruction leaflet, "means you are sound and healthy today". I have been sound and healthy every day since I have had it and am particularly taken with the promise that "it may prevent hands and feet from getting older". All I shall now have to worry about are my face and body.

There is a chart that shows pressure points of the hand "to let the blood circulate in good balance". You can either press the round metal part at the top of Kenkoh against the gall bladder, liver, heart or sexual organ – or roll the pimples across it, which might be hazardous as eye, kidney and stomach pressure points are within an inch of each other on the palm. One disappointing addendum: "Over 86 deg F, apt to change colour by itself." In a hot climate you could be sound, healthy and dead.

I was overwhelmed by reader reaction to last week's Diary piece that the alcohol content of Pimm's had been reduced from 31.4 per cent to 25 per cent with no change in the price. The majority of letters pointed out that the decline in strength was not 6.4 per cent but over 20 per cent; others translated alcohol into proof . . . and the decline in Proof Spirit is even more dramatic. One correspondent swore never to drink Pimm's again and asked for the name of the distilling company so that she could avoid their other products; a number suggested home-made Pimm's – fashioned of gin, red vermouth and Cointreau.

On the positive side it seems proper to mention that a Sheffield publican, who brews in his basement, has achieved a beer with an original gravity of 1125 (about 17 per cent alcohol) which has made *The Guinness Book of Records* as "the most potent beer in the world".

It is served in one third of a pint glasses at £1 a time and you get a certificate . . . like when you cross the equator. The pub is called The Frog and Parrot and, unlike Pimm's, its ambition is to improve the strength of its product.

Enoch Powell urges abandonment of creeping withdrawal

Wanted: an Ulster U-turn

The cause and therefore the cure of the catastrophic rise in IRA activity and success are not obscure. They have been explained over and over again inside and outside Parliament for years; and they are well understood by the Prime Minister herself.

An attentive observer of British government policy towards Northern Ireland in the last 20 years – and that includes the IRA – could not have helped coming to the conclusion that the real object of it has been to detach Ulster from the United Kingdom as deftly as possible and transfer the province in some form or another to the Irish Republic.

The motives behind such an object, whatever they were, do not concern us. They do not affect its consequences. It is a course of policy which reached its culmination, to date, in the Anglo-Irish Agreement of November 1985. The Agreement was expressly constructed to accord to the Irish Republic, which claims Northern Ireland as its own territory, a unique and unprecedented status in the government of the province.

Now, for any terrorist organization, the prospect of its object being achieved, especially by other agencies, has a twofold effect. It is encouraged by the scent of success ahead, and it is galvanized by the necessity to get to the finishing line before anyone else and so reap the credit and grasp the power which will ensue.

That is why the IRA swung back into business in 1971, after it became convinced, with delighted astonishment, that the British government wanted out and was working for out. That is why the IRA flagged in the later 1970s, when the Labour government put the policy into cold storage. That is why the Anglo-Irish Agreement, to which a series of prime ministerial summits after 1979 paved the way, was bound to result, and has resulted, in the heightened confidence and increased activity of the IRA of which we are reaping the fruits.

Only when and if there is undeniable evidence that Britain has at last abandoned its fatal 20-year-old operation of ditching Northern Ireland can there be a respite and a remedy.

This will not come through words and protestations alone. It requires actions, unambiguous actions, actions that nobody from Washington to the Falls Road can misunderstand. It will mean either ending the Anglo-Irish Agreement or turning it into something quite different that will have no specific and discriminatory concern with Northern Ireland.

It will also mean calling off every policy which has treated Northern Ireland differently from the rest of the UK and starting to deal with it and its inhabitants for all purposes in the same way as the remainder.

That is a policy which, with the single exception of the full representation in the House of Commons accorded to Ulster by James Callaghan's government in 1977, has never been tried in the last 20 years. What is more, it has been openly repudiated by first one administration and then another; and that includes the present government which, having announced in Scotland that devolution would mean breaking the Union, has declared that the aim and instrument of its policy in Northern Ireland is devolution.

In the light of all this, what tragic piffle it is, while the Government continues metaphorically to shoot its own soldiers in the back, to talk about tightening security in Ulster and reverting to imprisonment without trial. (I presume we do not imagine that we can imprison without trial people in the Irish Republic; or are we going to stand on the frontier and intern them as they come over?).

There is no substitute and no alternative for that visible change in policy which will signal to all concerned that the aim of detaching Ulster has been definitely dropped and that henceforward Ulster will be recognized without qualification as an integral and permanent part of the nation and treated as such in all respects inside and outside Parliament.

Words will have to be eaten. So be it. Unless the root cause of the trouble is grasped and eradicated, things will go on from bad to worse.

Let nobody imagine that such a turn-around would offend any large section of Northern Irish opinion. Northern Ireland is not in rebellion against being part of the UK. Last year the electors of 16 of the 17 constituencies, voting freely on the same franchise as the rest of the country and in similarly constituted electoral divisions, chose to return MPs to sit in Parliament at Westminster. They need not have done so, if they had not wished; but that is what they did do, and they are entitled to the safety and the assured future which belonging to the UK ought to give and which other parts of it take for granted.

The events of recent weeks have laid upon the Prime Minister a responsibility more searching than the one she shouldered after the invasion of the Falklands. She has it in her power, and she knows she has it in her power, to bring the IRA campaign of bloodshed to an end.

Given the will-power which we know she possesses, it can be done; but it calls for strength of character to admit an error and reverse it. For the sake of those who have suffered already and those who otherwise will have to suffer in the future, let us hope that she will find that strength of character in time.

Bernard Levin

Fringe fantasy restaged

Why am I hearing knells all the time, these days? The most recent of them came the other day when I read a report, with two bylines on it, in *The Independent*; I instantly deduced that the writers must be very young – not because of their prose style, but because of their story. It said, without irony, *that an opera-house was to be built in Edinburgh.*

As Abraham Lincoln said, I am too old to cry, but it hurts too much to laugh. Read on.

> A new attempt is to be launched during the Edinburgh Festival to give the city its first custom-built opera house after a 25-year campaign . . . the campaign . . . is expected to launch a trust . . . for a new complex in Leith . . . likely to propose linking a £25m opera house to plans for regeneration for the area . . . trust will pin its hopes on money from central government and private enterprise . . . some local authority finance is not being ruled out . . . councillors and officials are to have talks . . . spokesman for the campaign confirmed last night that there would be an announcement in the final week of the festival . . .

Now then, my young friends, if you will just put the cushion behind me – a bit lower down . . . that's better – and leave my stick where I can get at it, and remind me to take my pill every half an hour, I shall a tale unfold whose lightest word Would harrow up thy soul, freeze thy young blood, Make thy two eyes [four, actually], like stars, start from their spheres, Thy knotted and combined locks to part, And each particular hair to stand on end, Like quills upon the fretful porpentine.

Oh, my dear young friends – may I trouble you for the cocoa, please – let me start by telling you – no, *two* lumps – that your "25-year campaign" has in fact been going for 41 years. The first promise to build an opera house in Edinburgh was made at the first Edinburgh Festival, in 1947, by the then Lord Provost, Sir John Falconer. I was there, and I heard him, and with the trusting innocence of youth (which I am glad to see has not died out), I looked forward, a couple of years later, to visiting the Festival and enjoying the opera in the Edinburgh Opera House.

Well, I visited the Festival, after its 1947 inauguration, for some six or seven consecutive years, and every year the same promise was made by Edinburgh, and every year without fail it was broken. Since then my visits have become irregular, as more calls on my time have made it more difficult for me to get there; still, even to the remote, windswept plain of London, news does filter through, and every year the news from Edinburgh has always included the now much-loved annual vow, followed promptly by its much-loved breaking.

I, and others, long ago began to write about the promises and the actuality. We raged, and were ignored; the promises were repeated without fail, and were just as implacably broken. We jeered, we mocked, we scorned; in vain, for Edinburgh was, as she still is, incapable of shame.

I tried a new tack; I called upon Edinburgh to admit that the whole thing was an elaborate hoax, designed solely to ensure that the whole city would remain in the limelight after the Festival had ended. (And why shouldn't it? "Ye may talk of Bach and Mozart, ye may talk of Harold Pinter; ye may think this town is culture's crown – have ye been here in the winter?") Even if it wasn't true, I told them, it might shut us up.

Edinburgh indignantly denied it; by that time the ritual had been included in the list of the city's most hallowed and ancient customs, such as The Shutting of the Pubs, The Spoiling of the Food, The Hating of the Music, The Short-Changing of the Yanks, The Bloody-Mindedness of Everybody, and of course The Grudging of the Money.

Among this list, some of the items in which went back to medieval times, Edinburgh insisted that The Telling of the Whopper must never be abandoned: I think it was one of those legends, like what is supposed to follow if the ravens ever leave the Tower of London or the apes the Rock, which were regarded as a talisman of good luck, so that if they were not carried out in the prescribed form and without fail, luck would run out. Many more years went by.

It was time for the last battle, the final challenge to Edinburgh to put up or shut up; this was some ten or a dozen years ago. I went into training, gathered all my strength, mounted Rosinante, tied Dulcinea's handkerchief to my lance's point, and in the columns of *The Times* I charged. The battle swayed this way and that; the carnage on both sides was frightful to behold, but gradually, as the dust cleared, it was plain that I had won. The then Lord Provost, in a long letter to the paper, his facts marshalled and his pride justifiably made plain, made clear beyond all possible argument that the Edinburgh Opera House project was under way, and implied that the sod would be turned for the first stage of the building as soon as the last, trival details were sorted out.

I limped from the field, to bind up my wounds, abandon cynicism for ever, and look forward at last to opera at Edinburgh in Edinburgh's brand new Opera House, and two years later, Edinburgh announced, with not so much as a fig-leaf of ambiguity, and without the trace of a blush, that she had decided not to build an Opera House. The sod had indeed been turned.

Now kindly listen to me. Edinburgh is not going to have an Opera House, whether soon or far in the future, whether she says she will or whether she says she won't, whether she is finsh with money or facing bankruptcy, whether the plan is financed privately or publicly, whether the building is sited in Leith or Princes Street or on the roof of Holyroodhouse, whether Frank Dunlop tears out his beard hair by hair or whether he wheedles and cajoles, whether I say she should have an Opera House, or you say she should, or God Almighty says she should, whether the Festival organizers promise not to put on any operas by long-haired poufdahs like Verdi and Tchaikovsky (come to think of it, Tchaikovsky *was* a long-haired poufdah) or whether they don't, whether the Queen promises to open it or whether Kurt Waldheim promises not to, whether the Lord Provost is lynched by the citizenry or whether a 30-foot statue of him is erected on Calton Hill.



Scottish Ballet's *Carmen* (1985); Greek Royal Guard (1960); Balinese gamelan orchestra (1983). The Promising of the Opera House predates them all

One theory can be entirely ruled out; years ago, unable to believe the official reasons, I thought the real one might be that somebody was on the take. My investigations drew blank everywhere; it was plain that nobody was getting even a single bawbee in *douceurs*, and it is just as plain that this has been true all along and still is. Nobody has ever got money from helping to block the proposal for an Opera House; nothing but a deep, glowing satisfaction.

It is also important to recognize that promises were not just broken; many were given in bad faith. With the exception of that very first promise by Sir John Falconer, the founding father, those to whom fell the duty, *urbe et orbi*, of The Promising of the Opera House, were provided at municipal expense with a huge handkerchief, which they could stuff into their mouths while rolling about on the floor backstage, the moment they got off the platform.

No, my dears, I am touched by your innocence and trust, and pray you never lose them. Before you go, just tuck the rug right round me, and switch off the light – I'm going to have a nap. But do please understand that Edinburgh is not going to have an Opera House in your lifetime or the lifetime of the new Princess of York, or that of her remotest posterity. By all means, report the forthcoming announcement in your paper. But by all means, don't believe it. Bless you. Don't forget the light.

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Commentary • HUGH MONTEFIORE

Shadow of a doubt

The Carbon-14 tests on the Holy Shroud of Turin carried out at laboratories in Arizona, Zurich and Oxford cannot definitely prove that this stained and scorched piece of linen was really used to cover Jesus's dead body, or that the image it bears is truly that of Christ crucified. But they will establish its approximate age, showing it to be 1st century or fraudulent, dating only from the middle ages.

Christianity has a long and not very edifying history of relics, most of which are the fruit of pious fraud. No relic has aroused so much interest as the Shroud. This is partly because it claims to bring us so close to the salvation event of Christianity itself, partly because the face is so striking, but mostly because the Shroud has been subjected to intensive scientific tests. In an agnostic age people seem to look for scientific evidence, although science can neither prove nor disprove the Christian faith.

Interest was stimulated in 1898 when an Italian photographed the Shroud in the early days of photography and discovered on the plate a reverse image of the front and rear of a naked body on the 14ft linen cloth.

I first became interested in the Shroud as a New Testament lecturer, on reading Pierre Barbet's book, *The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*. This French surgeon, classicist and archaeologist demonstrated the accuracy of the marks on the Shroud of the lance wound from which flowed blood and lymph, and also of the hand wounds. In early (and contemporary) Christian art, the nails are shown piercing the hands. Barbet showed that the weight of the body could be supported on the Cross only if the nails were driven through the wrist (as on the Shroud image). Later, marks were also noted on the body image from Roman scourging with a two- or three-pronged whip, loaded with bone or lead balls, and the face image appears swollen as a result of buffeting.

It was not until I chaired the London Conference on the Shroud in 1977 that I realized how great was the potential for scientific testing. A Roman Catholic commission on the Shroud had recently reported. Two fairly sizeable portions of the Shroud had been removed for fabric analysis. The weave is of a herringbone pattern said to be used in 1st century Syria, but not in the middle ages. The linen has a little flax in it, but no wool (mixing of linen and wool is forbidden in the Old Testament). By means of sticky-tape, pollen had been removed from the samples, and identified with the help of an electron microscope by Dr Max Frei, a forensic scientist in Zurich. The pollen found is compatible with flora around Edessa and elsewhere in the Middle East.

The London conference had been preceded by a meeting in New Mexico at which the leading spirits were two scientists from the American space agency, Nasa. Through the use of a microdensitometer and by computer image analysis, it had been established that the image on the Shroud was three-dimensional, and that the closer the body was to the cloth, the darker the image. Further tests were suggested, and in 1978 access was granted. Electronic microscopy, radiographic examination, X-rays, infra-red photography, pollen tests and microprobes were all carried out.

Dr Walter McCrone, who had already established a reputation for detecting sophisticated forgery by scientific means, took away samples and threads for further study. He established that ferrous oxide, similar to "jeweller's rouge", was present on the image and blood marks. At first he thought that the image on the Shroud had been touched up by "finger painting". But later he found evidence of a proteinaceous medium with which the iron pigment was applied, and concluded that the Shroud itself was a medieval forgery, "typical of tempera painting on cloth introduced into Europe at least as early as the end of the thirteenth century".

This view coincided with that of two diocesan bishops around the time when the Shroud first came to public attention in the church of Lirey, in France, in 1356. The Bishop of Troyes told the Pope that he regretted the Papal Legate's permission to expose the Shroud because his predecessor, after enquiry, had established that "it had been cunningly painted, the truth being attested by the artist who painted it". In the middle of the 15th century the Shroud found its way into the possession of the House of Savoy. It was moved to Chambery, and in 1573 to Turin Cathedral, where it now lies.

There is no history of the Shroud (if it existed) prior to 1356. Ingenious theories have been produced. Its first owner had connections with the recently dissolved Knights Templar and it is said to have been in the possession of the order after the Crusaders overran Constantinople in 1203. Equally ingenious theories have been produced to explain how it got from Jerusalem to Constantinople via Edessa. It is all supposition.

Expectation that the Shroud will be proved genuine has been somewhat dented by evidence of pigment and tempera. But this could be medieval touching up of an original image. Evidence has recently appeared of an outline of a dead body – a West Indian – on a mattress in a Liverpool hospice. The image has no known cause.

The Archbishop of Turin is to be congratulated on permitting the Carbon-14 tests. Those at Arizona and Zurich have been completed; those at Oxford are thought to have been, but no one is saying. The results may be known next month after the Pope's visit to Turin. But what really matters is not the genuineness or forgery of the Shroud, but the reality which it portrays.

The author was formerly Bishop of Birmingham.

AUGUST 22 ON THIS DAY 1868

This horrific accident in North Wales in which about 30 people died was caused by "rough shunting"; investigations revealed that six wagons and a brake van had broken away and run downhill into the oncoming mail train. Paraffin oil in the last wagon caught fire.

THE DREADFUL ACCIDENT TO THE IRISH MAIL TRAIN

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

ABERGELE, FRIDAY, 2 O'CLOCK.

The first train from Chester after the arrival of this morning's Irish Express has just reached here. I have only time, therefore, to say that . . . the account of the accident which reached town by telegram this morning fall short of conveying an idea of what today's examination has proved the occurrence to have been. Certainly, anything like so awful a railway accident has never occurred in this country. Persons who witnessed the collision from the bank state that for a considerable time the line for some distance was as if covered with a sheet of flame. Until an immense quantity of water had been thrown on it the fire was not extinguished . . . All this time the bodies of the passengers in the three first-class carriages next the engine and tender were burning literally to ashes. In some cases an inch or two of a dress are all that was found in a heap of charred remains to show that they are those of a lady. In several cases even cinders of the bones have not been left. What were human forms had been gathered up like so much black dust. The body of the stoker, who lay under the engine, was almost the only one that presented the appearance of a dead man. The flesh was burnt off, but a calcined skeleton, with every rib visible, was left. The name, "Prince of Wales," is still to be seen on the locomotive, which is now standing on its wheels close to Abergele station; but the tender made a tremendous somersault and went right over the engine . . . it is smashed to pieces . . . It is believed that 27 persons have been killed; but all is still confusion, and I cannot give this as the correct number. Neither has the real cause of the rolling back of the goods train been as yet ascertained. The ashes of the killed are about here in coffins awaiting identification; but, except from luggage or some portions of burnt wearing apparel, identification will be impossible.

[BY TELEGRAPH]

Ten bodies in coffins, 13 in tarpaulins, lie in Abergele Church . . . The Coroner assembled a jury but could not proceed until the medical examination discovers the sex of some of the bodies from the bones . . . Sixteen watches, a great deal of jewelry and money, some thousands of pounds' worth in value, have been found . . . The driver of the engine alighted on his feet, and was then thrown down by a fragment of the van. He heard the stoker utter one cry . . . It is feared that beside Lord and Lady Farnham and her servant, Sir Nicholas Chinnery, two ladies, and man servant; Mrs. Askin and daughter, of Kidderminster, and Miss Roe are among the dead.

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BEYOND INDIGNATION

Demands for the reintroduction of internment in Northern Ireland, which have been growing in volume throughout the current IRA offensive, reached a new climax at the weekend. It is understandable that a nation, recoiling from the carnage in Tyrone, should search for a fresh means of fighting back. But this particular weapon is double-edged; the Government is right to keep it sheathed.

It was following similar pressure almost exactly 17 years ago that the Heath administration resorted to internment without trial. "No one could be certain what would be the consequences", wrote the then Home Secretary, Mr Reginald Maudling, "and yet the question was simply this, what other measures could be taken?".

When in one night more than 3,000 British soldiers raided the homes of IRA suspects, the flaws in this feeble reasoning became quickly clear. There occurred some of the most appalling street violence ever seen in the six counties. Fourteen died on the first day alone. The Army (which had strong reservations about internment in the first place) soon discovered that the police files from which they had worked were so outdated that many of those arrested had to be freed again.

The IRA gained more than it lost from an internment policy which was brought to a close only four years later. Although nearly 2,000 people were interned (including some Loyalists), the gaps in Provisional ranks were more than filled by the hundreds of new recruits inspired to join its bloodstained banner. The propaganda advantage abroad brought funds pouring in to the IRA exchequer, particularly from America, while Britain was rebuked for pursuing a policy of imprisonment without trial. Those inside the perimeter fence at Long Kesh were able to plot and train together so easily (much more easily than was possible outside) that the place was re-christened the "IRA Staff College".

Those who want to try internment again say that it would be very much better this time because the security forces have improved the intelligence files upon their enemy. They also want "selective" internment only. This presumably means that a limited number of leading terrorists would be seized, thus enabling the authorities to keep them under closer scrutiny inside.

The Government is certainly right to retain internment among its security options. To dismiss it for all time on the basis of the last unhappy experience would be no less foolish than would its hasty reintroduction. There are circumstances in which it might be an effective way of dealing with a cunning and ruthless enemy.

But those circumstances would have to include the full support and cooperation of the Dublin Government. In 1971 most of the the IRA "godfathers" escaped over the border (if they were not already living there) and remained until it was safe for their return. The Anglo-Irish Agreement is a step upon a long road to the day on which an Irish administration would feel free to intern unconvicted IRA suspects in the Republic — or return them to Belfast to be imprisoned there. Today that Agreement would collapse under the strain.

This does not mean that the Government should do nothing. The revulsion on both sides of the Irish border gives Britain a psychological advantage which should be exploited. Border security is crucial and the objective should be the development of a sophisticated cross-border force, able to operate on both sides in "hot pursuit", with joint training if necessary and total coordination at all times. This could never be achieved if Britain introduced internment on its own.

Secondly, the authorities should carry the batle to the enemy. The most effective single initiative ever launched against the Provisionals was Operation Motorman in the sunmer of 1972, when the Army moved into the so-called "no go" areas of Belfast and Londonderry. Motorman forced the IRA on to the run — where it must be made to remain.

If the identities of the so-called "godfathers" are known, they should be left in no doubt that this is so. Those in Northern Ireland should be brought repeatedly in by police for questioning, released if no charge can be brought and then brought in again the next night. They should be made clearly aware that they are being kept under surveillance.

There should be no need to reintroduce the 21,000 troops deployed there for Motorman. But if more units are needed than the present contingent there, they should be sent. The forces of law and order must have control.

Consideration should also be given to tougher sentencing for terrorist offences (and perhaps less generous remission for good conduct); also to whether defendants should be allowed the right to silence when facing trial. But those impatient for action must see that this too needs to be the subject of consultation with the South — and balanced against the risk to extradition of prisoners from Dublin.

Eight young men have died. In the words of a great Irish writer, "fierce indignation can no longer tear their hearts". But the indignation which burn so fiercely in the hearts of those who remain should not destroy the cool, logical, surgical campaign against those who killed them.

KENYA'S TARNISHED CAUSE

This week Daniel Arap Moi celebrates ten years as leader of Kenya. He would deserve to celebrate it the more if he could more resist the disease of dictatorial intolerance to which those of political longevity are so prone. The imprisonment of the Christian journalist, Bedan Mbugua, (reported on page seven today) is just the latest incident in a trend which discredits a country once seen, by contrast with its neighbours, as a model of political success. President Moi took effective control of Kenya after the death of Jomo Kenyatta, his authority deriving from his position as vice president. Like many other vice presidents, he had attained this position largely because he had neither the authority nor the popularity to outshine the president. And, as a member of the small Kalenjin tribe, there was no guarantee that he would be acceptable to the majority Kikuyu. Concern was expressed at the time that Kenya might thus succumb to the tribal disagreements which had afflicted other nascent African states.

In the event, Moi rose to the task. Although not widely regarded for intellectual ability, he has managed shrewdly to balance competing tribal claims. He has kept the army content. He has kept the country on a relatively even economic keel, encouraging the diversification of agricultural output.

Kenya has remained a favoured recipient of Western economic aid both because of its sensible economic line and its pro-western political stance. The stability of the country has kept it attractive to the richer tourists — just as it was in colonial times. There have been neither the genocides of Uganda, nor the experiments in socialism which have hindered Tanzania.

Moi has not, however, acquired the reputation of a a major African statesman in the Kenyatta mould. At home, too, he lacks popularity, and faces mounting economic difficulties, particularly from the unchecked population rise. The birth rate is, at 4.1 per cent, almost the highest in the world and seems likely to increase the population from its current 21 million to 36 million by the end of the century.

The President does not appreciate internal discussion of such failings. Kenya has been a *de facto* one-party state since Kenyatta's time but has had a tradition of free speech in Parliament and freedom of expression in the press. Moi now appears to be undermining both.

Bedan Mbuga, editor of a modest church magazine, was imprisoned for nine months. His offence in the eyes of the authorities seems to have been his criticism of the introduction of "queue voting", a system under which the secret ballot has been abolished and electors left to indicate their choice by lining up behind the photograph of their preferred candidate.

The ruling party has been purged of anyone who disagrees with the presidential line. Thus only the church and Kenyan professional organizations continue to express political dissent. The action taken against Mbuga suggests that dissent from these quarters, too, is becoming intolerable to the President's ears.

Journalists speak of an atmosphere of fear in which Kenyans no longer feel free to express themselves. The President meanwhile accuses critics of being influenced by foreign trouble makers.

Such political intolerance does not even make the President more secure. It drives opposition underground, giving a focal point around which dissidents can unite. Having ruled Kenya responsibly for ten years, it would be unfortunate if President Moi were now to acquire a reputation for repression of the sort associated with some of his unsavoury neighbours.

S Africa's nuclear role

From Dr David Lowry
Sir, Recent reports that South Africa has been in negotiations with the three depository nations (US, UK and USSR) of the 137 member-state nuclear non-proliferation treaty (NPT) over its possible accession to the treaty are undoubtedly encouraging.

One of the main reasons for South Africa's new accommodation to the international community's long-standing demand that she sign the NPT appears to be her desire to remain within the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which is an autonomous inter-governmental agency within the United Nations system (report, August 15).

After years of relative ineffectualness the UN has recently used its good auspices to bring a cease fire to the Iran-Iraq war; and with the South Africa-Angola-Cuba withdrawal agreement for south west Africa, it appears that it is the season for acceptance of the international community's will against the narrow interests of national governments in regional conflict.

However, it is proper to offer a word of caution with regard to the likelihood of the IAEA being able to expand its present role to wider responsibilities in South Africa. Your report (August 13) states that because South Africa has agreed to IAEA-administered nuclear safeguards on the two reactors at its sole nuclear plant at Koeberg, this means that the plutonium produced "cannot be diverted to the manufacture of weapons".

Unfortunately, this is not so. Safeguards are not preventive; they act as a deterrent against the possibility of being caught out trying to divert civil nuclear materials and facilities to military use.

The reason why we should be concerned is that IAEA is already under-staffed, under-financed and over-stretched. A leaked copy of its 1986 Safeguards Implementation Report (SIR) showed earlier this year that there were at least 17 major unresolved issues regarding IAEA international safeguards, for which the IAEA had no real confidence in being able to sort out.

The IAEA's director-general, Dr Hans-Blix, told the United Nations third special session on disarmament in New York, in June, that over the next five years the IAEA experts will have to safeguard a further 44 nuclear facilities on top of the 906 under safeguards today.

The IAEA's latest quarterly bulletin, an issue devoted to a special assessment of safeguards worldwide, points out that although there has been an increase of 62 per cent in the facilities inspected and evaluated under SIRs between 1980-1987, as the size and complexity of nuclear facilities increase, then there will be a related requirement on the IAEA to ensure growth in its safeguards capacity.

Yet the IAEA is labouring under an extended period of zero real growth in its budget. This has led to a serious re-examination of its priorities and future capabilities.

The responsible UK minister, Mr Spicer, of the Department of Energy, recently pronounced himself "satisfied that the IAEA's 1988 programme and budget are adequate" (Hansard, June 14, 1988, col 100), and that he had "full confidence in the agency's safeguards system.

Unless some radical revamping of budgetary commitments is undertaken at next month's annual meeting of the 110 member state IAEA, in Vienna, then any success in securing South Africa within the requirements of the NPT will be lost because lack of resources will make IAEA safeguards verification impossible to carry out in practice.
Yours sincerely,
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European Proliferation Information Centre,
258 Pentonville Road, N1.
August 15.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disruption by developers

From the Director of the Society of British Aerospace Companies
Sir, I was delighted to see the letter from R. A. Fitch in today's *Times* (August 18) about the problems that the building contractors are creating in our city.

In the last two years there have been a number of major reconstructions taking place in King Street, St James's, which at times have virtually brought traffic to a halt and caused constant disruption. This does nothing for the efficient business life of companies occupying offices in this part of London.

The closing-off of whole pavements to pedestrians seems to be dangerous, unnecessary and illegal. In King Street there is no provision for any pedestrian crossing, so that, denied access to one pavement, we take our lives in our hands to get to the other.

The noise, dust and general disturbance that these reconstructions cause make a considerable impact upon the working lives of the members of staff. There is also danger, as three times our office windows have been smashed by loads carried by a giant overhead crane. What it must be like for the residents doesn't bear thinking about.

Protests to the council seem to have remarkably little effect — largely, I presume, because of lack of powers to curtail the apparently unlimited remit of the builders and drivers to do precisely as they wish.

If the life of our citizens and our business community is not to be constantly interrupted and imperilled in this lawless fashion then our councils and other public bodies must have adequate powers to keep them under control.
Yours sincerely,
JOHN CURTISS, Director,
The Society of British Aerospace Companies Ltd,
29 King Street,
St James's, SW1.
August 18.

From Mr Brian P. Smith
Sir, Mr Rodney Fitch's indignation at new building in London is shared by many. And there is scaffolding for refurbishment.

When was the last time we could photograph a clear view of the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Nelson's column on the same day? London is a beautiful woman for ever wearing her curlers.
Yours faithfully,
BRIAN P. SMITH,
4 Cliff Road,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Motorway dangers

From Sir Anthony Grant, MP for Cambridgeshire South West (Conservative)
Sir, The appalling overcrowding of the M25 and the tragic disasters on it reveal the basic truth that collisions are caused not by roads or cars but by human beings. In most cases the fault is excessive speed driving too close behind another vehicle.

It is perfectly simple to fit vehicles with devices which will demonstrate that they are too close. Manufacturers should be obliged to install them, as in the case of seat belts.

It would also help congestion if the helicopter link between Heathrow and Gatwick, so foolishly stopped by the Government at the behest of a tiny minority, was restored.

Finally, driver training is hopelessly inadequate for modern conditions and equipment. New and more rigorous testing must be established. Above all, care, courtesy, and concentration should be emphasised at all times.
Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY GRANT,
House of Commons.
August 18.

All at sea

From Mr R. B. Cruse
Sir, The Reverend S. P. Corbett (August 15) complains that "wealth is frittered away on such items of trivia" as a Bournemouth beach hut priced at £12,000.

Yet for that money a family and their friends might enjoy a lifetime of easy access to sun, sand and sea, with lovely views of the Channel, the Purbecks, the Isle of Wight, and passing humanity in infinite variety.

In contrast, the buyer of the most expensive luxury car who traded it in next year would lose at least £12,000 in depreciation for possibly relatively few hours of ostentatious motoring. And what about those willing to spend a reported £150 for a ringside seat at a boxing match, or waste hundreds more on an illicit ticket for a rainy day at Wimbledon?

Really, a good solid £12,000 beach hut seems quite a bargain.
Yours faithfully,
R. B. CRUSE,
3 Albert Road,
New Milton, Hampshire.

Looking askance at rail fares rise

From Dr F. R. Badcock
Sir, British Rail have done it again! By a remarkable piece of financial logic they have decided that long-distance travellers should pay roughly the same price per mile as those nearer their destination (report, August 17).

The obvious questions are left unanswered — whether the "real" cost per mile is the same for short and long-haul operations (superficially, in the light of the amount of infrastructure required per mile, a detached observer might conclude that there are good reasons for the cost per mile being less over long distances), or whether a balanced fare reduction for short-haul and increase for long-haul might be a better compromise.

It has for some time amazed me that there has not been a commuters' revolt (aided by the Office of Fair Trading — we are talking about a monopoly) over the conditions of travel imposed on passengers by British Rail. In particular I refer to the fact that the cost of travel is the same whether the passenger stands or gets a seat (or, for that matter, whether the train runs to timetable or at all).

I realise that forcing British Rail to service customer needs and to charge according to the service provided might dent the Government's privatisation plans, but it really is time that British Rail offered a service on more than a "take it or leave it" basis.
Yours sincerely,
F. R. BADCOCK,
Carnaby House, Kimbolton,
Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.
August 17.

From Mr F. M. M. Lewes
Sir, Why do you think it wrong (leading article, August 18) that British Rail should follow a fare policy which will raise house prices in the South-east, but perfectly in order if the effect is to raise them in the South-west?
Yours faithfully,
F. M. M. LEWES,
Kerswell,
Exminster, Exeter, Devon.

From Mrs A. M. Stewart-Wallace
Sir, The steep rise in the price of season tickets for those who commute from a distance may have an adverse effect on the crowded housing situation and on road use in the South-east. Could not the Government, therefore, consider giving tax relief for season tickets for journeys beyond a certain agreed number of miles from the capital?

I realise that the Government is trying to stop subsidising railways, but such tax relief could surely be regarded as having wider beneficial implications in diluting pressure on housing and roads.
Yours etc,
MARY STEWART-WALLACE,
The Moot House,
Ditchling, Sussex.

Speed and the tunnel

From Mr Nigel Seymer
Sir, Robert Foster (August 15) wrongly suggests that a new high-speed rail route between the Channel tunnel and London would be more expensive than the line that the French are going to construct from Paris to their end of the tunnel. The French are planning to spend £1,200 million; by contrast one route proposed on this side (terminating at St Pancras) has been costed by a major construction firm at just over £800 million. (The overall distance is little more than one third of that between Paris and the tunnel — but with present BR plans it will take very nearly as long to cover during the peak hours).

It is not true that "a new line would only be capable of accommodating passenger trains". It could be designed to carry both superfast passenger trains (at speeds up to 187 mph) and fast freight trains, the latter mainly at night.

It is true that BR envisage any new route carrying only passenger trains; and also that the new routes in France are also used only by passenger trains. However, the new routes being built in Italy and Germany are designed to carry both passenger and freight trains.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL SEYMER,
63 Esmond Road, W4.
August 16.

Protecting our ships

From Mr P. J. Freeman
Sir, Christopher Coker (article, August 17) may be correct in his general view that the secretary of state was caught out by the recent report of the Commons Defence Committee on warship numbers and that a review of Britain's defence priorities is overdue; but his ideas for the Royal Navy show that he appreciates neither the current role of that force nor the lessons of the past.

When he suggests that escorting of convoys at sea should be abandoned in favour of "two naval support groups whose sole task would be to keep open certain identified sea lanes" he overlooks the fact that the current main task of the Royal Navy is to provide "naval support groups" to operate with the US Navy in the Norwegian sea as part of the forward maritime strategy. Disturbingly, escorting convoys appears already to have become a secondary task.

However, the "keeping open of sea lanes" is a cherished illusion of planners. To suppose that a putative enemy can either be deterred or defeated by drawing imaginary lines across the ocean and instigating some kind of naval "highway patrol" is to repeat the disastrous mistakes made at the start of both world wars; in particular, the use of naval support groups on such tasks in 1939 led to the loss of HMS Courageous and nearly to that of HMS Ark Royal, with no discernible effect on losses either of U-boats or of merchant shipping.

In the nuclear age the protection of merchant shipping is a task of far greater scale and complexity than before. The resulting problems are not susceptible of cheap and facile solution in the interest of defence economies.
Yours faithfully,
P. J. FREEMAN,
21 Clarkson Road,
Cambridge.
August 17.

Rising sea levels

From Mr Andrew J. Plater and others
Sir, Recent correspondents (July 7, 14, 20, 23; August 3, 17) have focused attention on accelerated sea-level rise as a consequence of the "greenhouse effect" and the range of predicted increases in the average level of the oceans. However, these increases will not be uniform, as some areas will respond differently, experiencing a rise in sea level greater than the average.

There is now a general acceptance of the need to respond to projected sea-level rise, though decision-makers do not yet have the information on which to base their plans. Strategic research has yet to be completed and desk-top reviews can only point to deficiencies in our knowledge.

A current research project sponsored by the Commission of the European Communities, involving eight institutions from five nations, is highlighting the complexity of the impacts on different coastlines, due to different increases in sea level. The work, which is at an early stage, has demonstrated the paucity of available information and the need for new methods to integrate and analyse disparate data.

Case studies of the Fenlands and the Tees estuary suggest that simply raising sea defences by a nationally determined amount will be inadequate because of local variation in the combined effects of an increase in the probability of storm-induced floods, land subsidence, a reduction of the natural coastal protection afforded by saltmarshes, beaches or sand dunes and other environmental factors.

Experience within the European project has revealed the complexity of adapting any global prediction to the local scale and integrating the numerous environmental parameters with the social and economic data which will be required if central and local government, agriculture, industry, commerce and individual property owners are to plan their responses.

Without accessible data, at a variety of geographical scales, andtheir careful analysis and interpretation, the large investments required to mitigate the impacts of sea-level change may well be misdirected.
Yours faithfully,
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IAN SHENNAN,
IAN SPROXTON,
MICHAEL J. TOOLEY,
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Department of Geography,
University of Durham
South Road, Durham.

Blast of hot air

From Dr J. M. Haynes
Sir, You report (Spectrum, August 15) that when the Nasa shuttle programme is resumed with the launch of Discovery, rival nations in space, such as the Chinese, Europeans, Japanese and Russians, will be waiting "with baited breath".

One hopes that the space ship will make good her escape from the terrestrial atmosphere before such a detestable form of chemical warfare can be used.
Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL HAYNES,
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Clifton,
Bristol, Avon.
August 17.

Skin cancer

From Dr Robin Russell Jones
Sir, The article by Michael Kingsley (Commentary, August 13) argues that the current concern about sunbathing and skin cancer is disproportionate, equivalent to the public's anxiety about nuclear accidents. It is difficult to conceive of a more inappropriate analogy.

Skin cancer is not a rare event. In Australia the incidence of non-melanoma skin cancer is 823 cases per 100,000 population per year. This is three times commoner than all other cancers combined. By the age of 75, two thirds of the Australian population will have developed at least one skin cancer, and the risk is greater for fair-skinned individuals and those living in northern Australia, closer to the Equator.

Fortunately, non-melanoma skin cancer is rarely fatal, unlike malignant melanoma which kills up to one third of its victims and affects a younger age group. Again, Australians have the highest incidence in the world, and their chances of developing malignant melanoma is not dissimilar to the one-in-100 chance which Michael Kingsley deems unacceptable.

Clearly the risks for UK residents is lower than in Australia. Yet melanoma rates in the UK are rising, stratospheric ozone level is falling, and the purpose of the current campaign is to alert the public before the situation deteriorates further. I, for one, do not regard the public's anxiety as misplaced, either on this issue or on the vexed question of nuclear accidents.
Yours faithfully,
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August 18.

Row over 'Last Temptation'

From Mr Jason D. Shaw
Sir, Those Christians who so vehemently condemn Scorsese's film *The Last Temptation of Christ* (report, August 13; Spectrum, August 15) protest too much. They would better serve their cause by maintaining an aloof and dignified silence, consoled that the faith which they embrace has survived centuries of active persecution and is hardly likely to be shaken by one man's suggestion as to what might have passed through the mind of Christ.

It is, besides, difficult to understand why there is any need for protest at all, for Scorsese does not suggest that Christ actually had intercourse with Mary Magdalene, merely that he contemplated doing so. Surely the hallmark of he who loves God is not that he is above temptation but that he resists it.
Faithfully,
JASON D. SHAW,
58 Millbrooke Court,
Keswick Road, Putney, SW15.
August 16.

From Mrs I. V. Duchenne
Sir, I always enjoy Bernard Levin's articles, but in today's (August 17) "Faith and the fainthearted" I think he has missed the point.

Christian opposition to the showing of the controversial film is not based on fear of loss of faith, but on a shocked repugnance to the actions attributed in it to Jesus Christ, whom we love with awe and revere so tenderly.
Yours faithfully,
IRENE V. DUCHENNE,
3 Whitegale Close,
Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

From the Rev J. C. Edwards, SJ.
Sir, I hate to say this, but my favourite writer (Bernard Levin) seems to have missed the point on Wednesday.

It isn't because a slander about Christ might threaten or damage his religion that a believing Christian dislikes it. As Levin points out, it doesn't.

The feeling is different. Levin must imagine a dearly loved friend or brother, or a mother or father, to whom one owed everything, who was being maligned. Someone one knows (inadequately but personally) and loves (insufficiently, but as far as one can tell, more than anyone else). It hurts in that way. And one wants (so it feels) somehow to protect him. He won't protect himself.

Of course I haven't seen the thing either. And Levin is probably right in implying that Christians would do better to keep silent while it goes on — like Christ's mother did on Calvary.
Yours faithfully,
J. C. EDWARDS, SJ,
Jesuit Mission Team,
Farm Street Church,
114 Mount Street, W1.

From the Bishop of Gloucester
Sir, "Why are devout Christians . . . getting into such a tizzy?", asks Bernard Levin in his article today about *The Last Temptation of Christ* film. It is a sensible question, and I can offer him part of the answer.

During the past 48 hours, whilst quietly getting on with my proper work, I have been telephoned at least five times by newspaper reporters, including one from *The Times*, demanding instant comment on the film, or on other people's reported comments on it, or even, in one instance, on my own reported comments.

Gone, it seems, are the days when newspapers simply reported the news; they now also create it. And then (brilliantly, Mr Levin) comment upon it. A growth industry indeed!
Yours etc,
†JOHN GLOUCESTR:,
Bishopscourt,
Pitt Street, Gloucester.
August 17.

From Mr John Sergeant
Sir, Mr Bernard Levin's article misses the point. It is not the ridiculing of our own faith that hurts us as Christians. As Mr Levin says, we are used to that. Rather it is the number of young waverers who might be deterred from faith altogether by the vilification of the one perfect human life which conquered death.

"Whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea" (St Mark IX, 42).
Yours sincerely,
JOHN SERGEANT,
37 Rectory Crescent,
Middle Barton, Oxfordshire.

From Mr H. B. Dunning
Sir, Bernard is wrong again. The business of Christians is not to assume that what they like is what they ought to like. Needless to say, the reality is to do the opposite.
Yours sincerely,
H. B. DUNNING,
21 Clerk Drive,
Corpach, Inverness-shire.

Don't call us . . .

From Ms Catherine M. Money
Sir, There are two more phrases which are to be added to Mr John Uprichard's two of "Give me your telephone number and we'll ring you back", and "Our cheque is in the post" (letter, August 15), namely: "We're from head office — we're here to help you", and "Of course I'll still love you in the morning".

All four should be regarded with the deepest suspicion.
Yours faithfully,
C. M. MONEY,
Biddles Farm,
Chobham, Surrey.
August 15.

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BALMORAL CASTLE
August 20: The Queen was represented by His Excellency Mr Nicholas Barrington, Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Islamabad, at the State Funeral of His Excellency General Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, which was held in the Shah Faisal Mosque, Islamabad, this afternoon.

August 21: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning. The Reverend Keith Angus preached the sermon.

Birthdays today

Mr P.H.B. Allsop, publisher, 64; Mr John Banham, director-general, CBI, 48; Mr Marc Bohan, dress designer, 62; Lady (Edgar) Bonham-Carter, 95; Mr Ray Bradbury, author, 68; Professor Sir Colin Buchanan, urban planner, 81; M Henri Cartier-Bresson, photographer, 80; Major-General Earl Cathcart, 69; Sir Richard Catling, former Commissioner of Kenyan Police, 76; Professor Sir Cyril Astley Clarke, geneticist, 81; Mr Steve Davis, snooker player, 31; Mr Somerset de Chair, former MP, 77; Judge Anne Downey, 52; Baroness Ewart-Biggs, 59; Mr Max Hebditch, director, Museum of London, 51; Mr Donald MacLeary, ballet dancer, 51; Sir James Menter, former principal, Queen Mary College, 67; Sir Leo Pliatzky, civil servant, 69; Mr Karlheinz Stockhausen, composer and conductor, 60; Sir Anthony Tuke, former chairman, Barclays Bank, 68, Mr Mats Wilander, tennis player, 24.

Memorial service

Mr T.E. Utley
A memorial service for Mr T.E. (Peter) Utley will be held on Monday, October 24, at the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields at 11.00. Applications for tickets should be made, by no later than October 10, to Mr Norman Fox, Deputy Managing Editor, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN.

Service dinner

Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Army Cadet Force
Colonel J.M.K. Weir and Officers of the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Army Cadet Force held a dinner on Saturday night at their annual camp at Longmoor Training Camp, Hampshire, in honour of Lieutenant Colonel C.J. Lawson who is retiring as Deputy Commandant. Major D.R.J. Young presided.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Wintour was christened Mary Eleanor Susan by Father William Kahle in Westminster Cathedral on Friday, August 19. The godparents are the Earl of Bective, Mr Danny Danziger, Mrs Jenny Reuvid, Mrs Peter Arbuthnot and Miss Elaine Callaghan.

Clifford Longley

Removing the divisions

The Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) meets in Edinburgh this week to resume its dismantling of the walls which still divide the two churches. It will find that another course of bricks has been added since it last met, by the Lambeth Conference's refusal earlier this month to restrain those Anglican provinces which want to ordain woman as bishops.

The talks are international. Anglican provinces which have women priests are represented as well as the contrary opinion. What the Catholic negotiators face, therefore, is not a unified Anglican position in favour of women priests and bishops, but a double one, and no party line.

Female ordination is by no means yet official policy in the Anglican Communion, and both the 1978 and 1988 Lambeth Conferences deliberately avoided a decision on the principle. In so far as any doctrinal judgement has been made, it is that the division is enough to impair full communion between Anglican provinces with woman priests and bishops, and provinces without them. It is admitted to be a "serious obstacle" to internal Anglican unity. There does not seem to be much disagreement here.

Providence has smiled on the work of ARCIC so far, and the Edinburgh meeting will be able to digest the Lambeth Conference's very favourable response to the four joint doctrinal statements which past labours had produced. The statements on ministry and on the eucharist received the full endorsement that the conference was asked to give; the more tentative statement on authority got a rather better reception than expected; and the conference warmly approved the most recent statement, on justification by faith.

The conference's general approval of the authority statement means that international Anglicanism is now looking for some kind of reconciliation with the Roman Catholic Church which would incorporate a "universal primacy" – ecumenical shorthand for the Pope. The condition being asked in return is reform of the papacy, and the modification of its stronger claims such as "universal jurisdiction" in all parts of the church.

In practice there is more common ground than there seems to be. For the only sanction which nowadays backs up the Pope's universal jurisdiction in the Catholic Church is the threat of breaking full communion. Though the Lambeth Conference did not call it a sanction, it told Anglican provinces that those that proceeded with the consecration of women bishops would be breaking – or "impairing" – full communion with the rest. "Excommunication" is an ugly word that ought to be dropped, but apart from the phraseology the warning the Lambeth Conference gave to the Anglican bishops in America, Canadian and New Zealand is not so different from the warnings Pope John Paul II gave to Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre.

The bilateral relationship between Catholicism and Anglicanism will, as a result of the Lambeth Conference and any subsequent consecrations of women bishops, become in a sense trilateral: between Catholicism and two forms of Anglicanism. That could prove entirely creative, for the theological issues being discussed, such as relations between parts of the church which ordain women and parts which do not, will not be purely abstract, but actually represented round the table.

Although the ARCIC statements were addressed at the Lambeth Conference as a specific and separate issue, many ideas from them surfaced elsewhere. The statement on authority was drawn on in the debates on internal Anglican authority and unity, and it could even be said that ARCIC's vision of a united church of the future has been adopted as an official model for evolution of the Anglican Communion itself.

Meanwhile, Rome's own answer to the first three ARCIC statements is due by the end of the year. There is apparently an internal debate still to happen in the Vatican to decide its shape. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a number of criticisms when the statements first appeared; but most of the responses from individual episcopal conferences round the world seem to have been favourable, and the Vatican's Secretariat for Christian Unity is directly represented on ARCIC itself.

Before the issue of women bishops appeared, there had been hints from Rome that it might regard joint acceptance of the ARCIC statements on ministry and eucharist as grounds for reopening the question of Anglican orders. It is already on ARCIC's agenda, as the Roman Catholic co-chairman said in a letter to *The Times* last Friday, and may be discussed again in Edinburgh this week. But until the official Vatican response to those statements has been promulgated such explorations will have to remain hypothetical.

Rome is unlikely simply to state that the judgement of the 1896 Bull *Apostolicae Curae* which declared Anglican orders null and void, was wrong. But it could well say that acceptance of the ARCIC statements by the Lambeth Conference mean that Anglican ordinations could no longer be regarded by Catholics as defective in intention. A greater difficulty is presented by the alleged break in the apostolic succession of Anglican bishops, because of supposed defective intention in the past.

One solution would be to acknowledge that the participation of Old Catholic bishops in Anglican episcopal consecrations had restored the apostolic succession; but it would not be very flattering to Anglican pride. If they could bear it, however, it would bring a quicker result than the other possibility, a complete theological examination of what apostolic succession really means. And wiser than backing either of those horses would be to back them both at once.

Nature notes



The martin

The skies are full of house martins and their clicking calls. The adults, who are dark-blue and white, and the browner young all fly together. At night the whole family, often including young birds from two successive broods, continues to roost, crammed together, in their mud nest under the eaves. Swifts that bred under the eaves have mostly left Britain for Africa.

Black-headed gulls are back in large flocks on inland playing-fields and rubbish-dumps. Lesser black-backed gulls heading south appear on rivers and reservoirs: they are the size of herring gulls, but are bolder and more aggressive, and are easily distinguished by their dark mantle and yellow legs.

The hedgerows are full of pink and purple flowers. Betony is common in damp places in England and Wales: it is a tall, nettle-like plant with a cluster of little lipped flowers at the top. Foxgloves are abundant in drier spots, some of the lower bells now turning brown and crinkly. On herb-robert the long, beaked fruits are appearing, and the leaves are turning scarlet. Buddleia flowers attract red admiral butterflies and bumblebees, but the flower tubes are too long for flies and for bees with shorter tongues.

DJM



Eartha Kitt taking part in a sponsored walk in Hyde Park, London, yesterday in aid of Quest, a charity working for an accurate early test for cancer.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Claude Debussy, Saint-Germain-en-Laye, 1862; Jacques Lipchitz, sculptor, Druskininkai, Lithuania, 1891; Dorothy Parker, short story writer, poet, West End, New Jersey, 1893.

DEATHS: Richard III, reigned 1483-85, killed at the battle of Bosworth Field, 1485; Jan Kochanowski, poet, Lublin, Poland, 1584; Jean-Honoré Fragonard, painter, Paris, 1806; Warren Hastings, 1st governor-general of India, Daylesford, Oxfordshire, 1818; Franz Gall, physiologist, Paris, 1828; Robert Cecil, 3rd Marquess of Salisbury, prime minister 1885-86, 1887-92, 1895-1900, 1900-02, Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, 1903; Michael Collins, Irish patriot and IRA leader, killed in ambush, Beal-na-Blath, Cork, 1922; Sir Oliver Lodge, physicist, Lake, Wiltshire, 1940; Michel Fokine, dancer and choreographer, New York, 1942; William Richard Morris, 1st Viscount Nuffield, Huntercombe, Oxfordshire, 1963.

Latest wills

Dr Colin Campbell Blair, of Marston Green, Birmingham, formerly of Barnet Green, Hereford and Worcester, left estate valued at £1,217,017 net.

Other estates, net before tax paid, include:

Mr Thomas Buller Baker, of East Preston, West Sussex ..... £333,969.

Miss Fay Cole, of Maida Vale, London W9 ..... £275,616.

Mrs Lilian Felton, of Dagenham, Essex ..... £342,738.

Speelman crushes Short

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Jon Speelman inflicted a severe defeat on Nigel Short in the third round of the World Chess Championship Quarter Final on Saturday afternoon.

Playing with the White pieces in a Queen's Gambit Declined opening Speelman employed a wild and risky recent Russian idea involving castling on the Queen's side on move 10.

The idea originated in a game between two Soviet Grandmasters, Mikhail Gurevich and Andrei Sokolov, played last week in Moscow.

Nigel Short was not as well informed as his opponent and seemed confused and lost. on his 13th move he committed a tactical error which allowed Speelman to smash through his lines of defence.

On the 27th move, with his position in ruins, and a far-flung White pawn aiming a dagger at the Black King, Short resigned the hopeless struggle. This is one of the most crushing defeats he has ever suffered and it gives Speelman a 2-1 lead in the 6 game match.

Nigel Short, just 23, started as the clear favourite. His rise to the top has been meteoric but after this severe and unexpected defeat his dream is in grave danger of being shattered.

Speelman, aged 31, is a comparative veteran, and his wild, confusing, risk-loving style has been considered too much of a handicap at the highest level. But in this dramatic third game, he has produced a coruscating display of power chess.

Short has three games left in which to rescue his chances of fortune and glory in this cycle of the world championship. He will have to show superb qualities of self control and iron will to stay in the match.

Whatever the outcome, one thing is clear – it was fatuous of FIDE, the world chess federation, to pit two such outstanding British chess players against each other in the quarter final. Both are worthy of the semi-finals. It is the fault of FIDE, that they cannot both make it.

The World Chess Championship Quarter Final, sponsored by Filkington Glass, with a £20,000 prize fund, continues at the Barbican Centre, City of London, until August 25.

Here are the moves of Speelman's decisive win in Game 3. He plays with the White pieces:

1 Rxd4	Nf6	14 g5	Ne8		
2 c4	Ne6	15 Nb3	Qb6		
3 Nf3	d5	16 Nxd5	Rxd5		
4 Nc3	Be7	17 cxd5	exf4		
5 Bf4	0-0	18 dxc6	fxe3		
6 e3	c5	19 fxe3	Bxg5		
7 dxc5	Bxc5	20 Kb1	bxc6		
8 Qc2	Nc6	21 Be4	Re7		
9 a3	Qa5	22 Rhf1	Bf6		
10 0-0-0	Be7	23 Qe4	Kf8		
11 g4	Rd8	24 Qxb7	g6		
12 h3	a6	25 e4	c5		
13 Nd2	a5	27 a6	Bik resns		

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.C. Hill
and Miss S.S. Jackson
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Sir John and Lady Hill, of Richmond, Surrey, and Sheila Su Chen, only daughter of the late George Martin Faux Jackson and of Mrs Anne Jackson, of Broad Oak, East Sussex.

Mr C.P. Bendel
and Miss L.J. Cripps
The engagement is announced between Colin, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Bendel, of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and Louisa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Cripps, of Le Profond Val, St Pierre Du Bois, Guernsey.

Captain J.G. Fountain
and Miss F.E. Clark
The engagement is announced between Jonathan George Fountain, 17th/21st Lancers, son of Dr and Mrs R.B. Fountain, of Fillingham, Lincolnshire, and Frances Elizabeth, daughter of Mr R.E. Clark and the late Mrs Clark, of Great Dunmow, Essex.

Mr R.J. Povey
and Miss K.P. Walker
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs James Povey, of Brooke, Norfolk, and Karen, eldest daughter of Mr Iain Walker, of Cwrt Powys.

Mr A.J.M. Henderson
and Miss H.C. Shaw
The engagement is announced between Alexander, only son of the late Mr David Henderson and of Mrs David Henderson, of Westbury Park, Bristol, and Catriona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Cyril Shaw, of Lostock, Bolton, Lancashire.

Mr J.R. Hilder
and Miss H.M. West
The engagement is announced between James Russell, son of Mr and Mrs L. Hilder, of Kirkley, Northumberland, and Helen Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. West, of Bucklebury, Berkshire.

Mr P. Leffler
and Miss K.C. Ball
The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of the Rev Christopher and Mrs Leffler, of Trimley Rectory, Ipswich, Suffolk, and Katy, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.W.F. Ball, of Lower Bemerton, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr C.J. Matthews
and Miss S. Geddes
The engagement is announced between Christopher James, only son of Mr and Mrs Jesse Matthews, of Swindon, and Sophia, younger daughter of the late Mr Guy Turner Geddes and of Mrs Annabel Geddes, of Chelsea. The marriage will take place on September 2, 1988.

Mr M.H.R. Cobb
and Senhorita L.O. Paciello
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr Basil Cobb and the late Mrs Jane Cobb, of The Beacons, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, and Luciane, daughter of the late Senhor Antonio Paciello and of Senhora Nelly Paciello, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Mr A.J. Utne
and Miss C. Marquiss
The engagement is announced between Amund Jorgen, son of Mr and Mrs A. Utne, of Salhus, Norway, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Marquiss, of Anna Valley, Hampshire.

Captain J.C.G. Wallington
and Miss J.E. Douglas
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Christopher Gerard Wallington, 17th/21st Lancers, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Brian Wallington, of Wareham, Dorset, and Joanna (Jody) Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David H. Douglas, of Corfe Castle, Dorset.

Marriage

Mr J.E. Steenson
and Miss J.D. Leeming
The marriage took place, quietly in France on Monday, August 8, between Mr Eric Steenson and Miss Jan Leeming.



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OBITUARY

SIR MICHAEL PERRIN

Atomic energy policy and medical research

Sir Michael Perrin, who died on August 18 at the age of 82, was, in the 1940s, in the forefront of research on the feasibility and development of Britain's atomic energy role. It was to him that Klaus Fuchs confessed the extent of his spying revelations to the Russians.

He was chairman of the Wellcome Foundation from 1953 to 1970.

Perrin's scientific career spanned three distinct phases: industrial research in which his experiments resulted in the rediscovery of polythene, participation in research and high-level policy making that led to the decision to make the atomic bomb and the post-war applications of atomic energy, and his leadership of the Wellcome Foundation, through which he helped in the expansion of university research and the training of senior research fellows not only in medicine but in pharmacology and allied disciplines.

Michael Willcox Perrin was born in Canada where his father, the Right Rev William Willcox Perrin was then Bishop of British Columbia. The family returned to Britain in 1910 when his father became Bishop of Willesden.

His interest in science was first aroused at his prep school, Twyford, in Hampshire. From Winchester he won a scholarship to New College, Oxford, where he was known among his contemporaries as Paul rather than Michael.

While at Oxford he had set his sights on a research career in industry and a meeting with Dr Francis A. Freeth, then research manager at Imperial Chemical Industries led subsequently to a post with Professor A.J.F.Michels, whose work at Amsterdam University in the field of high pressure ICI was subsidising. His four year stint with Michels gave him experience in research and laboratory administration which he was later to find invaluable.

While on holiday back in England in 1932 he and Dr J.C.Swallow, then deputy research director at ICI's alkali research centre at Winnington, Cheshire, presented a paper suggesting a research programme on the effect of high pressure on chemical reactions.

It was decided that the research should be done at Winnington under Dr R.O. Gibson and Mr E.W.Fawcett: it resulted in the discovery of polythene.

Little importance was attached to the discovery at the time, however, and, because of a number of explosions, the work was abandoned.

Two years later when Perrin was put in charge of high pressure research, he set up an experiment which resulted in the rediscovery of polythene at the first attempt. The work then continued successfully and when polythene's potential was recognised it began to be produced commercially.

Expectations of imminent war work led to Perrin's transfer to the research department headquarters in London, where he took a wider interest in the company's research programme.

Perrin was among a number of ICI researchers who assisted the Maud Committee



which had been set up in 1940 to report to the Government on the feasibility of an atomic bomb. The committee, a closely-knit group of academic scientists, many of them refugees from Germany, produced reports by July 1941.

When the top-level decision to go ahead was made, a Directorate of Tube Alloys was set up in the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. It was under the immediate responsibility of Sir John Anderson, then Lord President of the Council, who obtained the release of Mr (later Sir) Wallace Akers, then research director at ICI, to become its director: Akers took Perrin with him as his assistant.

It marked a turning point in Perrin's career away from actual research to administration and policy making. He proved himself to be an ideal liaison man between Government, civil servants and scientists.

Perrin remained in this post throughout the war, making several visits to the United States to coordinate the efforts of the two countries and to Canadato enlist support for the project.

After the war, when the Directorate became the Atomic Energy Division of the then Ministry of Supply, Akers returned to ICI and Lord Portal, the wartime Chief of Staff, who became Controller of the Division, appointed Perrin as Deputy Controller (Technical Policy). In this post he worked closely with three other Deputy Controllers: John Cockcroft, Christopher Hinton and William Penney who, respectively, were responsible for research, production and weapon development.

It was while Perrin was in this post that, in January 1950, the atom spy Klaus Fuchs insisted on confessing the extent of his spying operations to Perrin, whom he apparently regarded as a receptive man to whom he could talk despite the problems that had arisen.

For an entire day Fuchs disclosed what he had told the Russians. Perrin said that at the end of the day he felt years older.

Perrin was a supporter of moves to make the Atomic Energy Division independent of the Ministry and when this appeared to have failed and Portal resigned, Perrin returned to ICI.

Perrin's abilities had impressed Sir Henry Dale, the eminent scientist, who was then chairman of the Wellcome Trustees, sole shareholders of the pharmaceutical company, The Wellcome Foundation Ltd., and he was offered the chairmanship of the Foundation. Perrin was one of the first scientists to reach such a senior position in industry.

The Foundation was still suffering the effects of death duties on the estate of the founder, Sir Henry Wellcome, as well as the after effects of the war.

Perrin was able to persuade the Trustees that ploughing back a large proportion of the company's profits would achieve larger dividends for them to use for the research they funded.

His chairmanship saw not only the building up of the company in Britain but the expansion of the Foundation's interests and activities overseas and much diversification of its activities, such as expansion of its veterinary business.

It was an era of intense competition in the pharmaceutical industry as new drugs were discovered and put into production.

His policy proved highly successful and a number of other companies were acquired. At the same time he increased the efficiency of the company through reorganization and the introduction of work study schemes.

Largely through his leadership and effort, the company received the Queen's Award to Industry in 1970 for its export achievements, and the following year the Queen's Award for Technical Innovation.

Perrin had been awarded OBE in 1946 and CBE in 1952 for his atomic energy work. He was knighted in 1967.

He had held many offices including chairmanship of the board of governors of St Bartholomew's Hospital and was president of its medical college, chairman of the Royal Veterinary College, a council member of London University School of Pharmacy, and a trustee of the British Museum (Natural History).

He is survived by his wife, a son (Mr Charles Perrin, deputy chairman of Hambros Bank), and a daughter.

MR JUSTICE HAZAN

Mr Justice Hazan, who was appointed a High Court judge in January and had served on several important legal committees, died on Friday at the age of 61.

John Boris Roderick Hazan was educated at King's College, Taunton and King's College, London. He was called to the Bar of Lincoln's Inn in 1948 and had been a Bencher since 1977.

For two years from 1967 to 1969 he was prosecuting counsel to the Inland Revenue.

After taking Silk in 1969 he was for two years deputy chairman of Surrey Quarter Sessions. He was a Recorder for ten years before his appointment in 1982 as a Circuit Judge assigned to the Central Criminal Court.

His outstanding legal abilities were recognized by his appointment as a member of the Criminal Law Revision Committee in 1971.

He also served on the Home Secretary's Policy Advisory Committee on Sexual Offences from 1976 to 1984 and the Lord Chancellor's and Home Secretary's Committee on Fraud Trials from 1984 to 1986.

Although in general he shunned publicity, he could be outspoken in some of his judgments in court. During a case in 1983 he defended the policy of police carrying firearms in the fight against armed criminals.

He possessed great commonsense and understanding of people and life and authority was often at the receiving end of his criticisms.

He once called on the Metropolitan Police Commissioner to review CID procedures when he considered insufficient action had been taken on information they had received about a planned bank raid.

More recently he had been critical of the Parole Board for its early release of a prisoner who committed a subsequent crime. The public should be aware, he said on that occasion, that sentences imposed on offenders bore little relation to the time they served due to the intervention of the Board.

Hazan effected a somewhat austere demeanour but his close friends discovered a Puckish sense of humour and a warm personality.

He was a lover of the arts and had a great passion for music in particular. One of his greatest pleasures was visiting Glyndebourne, which he did on several occasions each season and which he regarded and described as his spiritual home.

Hazan was also a man of compassion who quietly contributed to worthy causes and individuals less fortunate than himself.

He was unmarried.

MR ERIC VAN LENNEP, MC

Mr Eric van Lennep, MC, who was advertisement manager of The Times immediately after the Second World War and previously in charge of advertising for the paper's Special Numbers, died on August 17 at the age of 95.

He was a very familiar figure in advertising circles in those days with his impeccable appearance, a bowler hat, dark tie, striped trousers and a rolled umbrella.

He was born in Smyrna (now Izmir), the son of Alfred van Lennep, who was then the Dutch Consul-General there.

In 1913, on the death of his father, he came to England to work in an accountant's office and in 1914 volunteered as a private in the Sportsmen's Battalion.

In doing this van Lennep became a stateless person and was ineligible for a commission. But in 1916, after service in the ranks in the trenches at Loos, he was sent back commissioned and posted to Salonika, where his linguistic abilities proved useful. He was severely wounded in 1918 while serving as a liaison officer with a Greek battalion.

In 1923, after an operation to remove a bullet from near his heart, he left the Army with the Military Cross. The government also gave him a British passport in recognition of his wartime services.

He joined *The Times*, the same year and subsequently travelled all over the world pursuing advertising for the newspaper and its supplements.

He finally retired in 1960.

He was a widower. There were no children.

ANNE RAMSEY

The American film actress Anne Ramsey, who was recently nominated for an Oscar award for her performance in the comedy film *Throw Momma From The Train*, died on August 11 at the age of 59.

She had been an established actress for over thirty years and had appeared in a number of films, but it was her portrayal of the grotesque Momma of the title in the recently released American comedy that earned her widespread acclaim.

Critics agreed that she was a comic find who had turned an otherwise rather mundane comedy into a success.

MR JOHN CROSS

Mr John Cross, who rose from a graduate recruit of Martin's Bank to become the first Sterling money manager of the controversial Moscow Narodny Bank in the early 1960s, died on August 15, aged 62.

He had been a key figure in the expansionary years of the bank. Cross was one of the few Englishmen entrusted to a key position by the Soviet bank in King William Street financing East-West trade.

Some 13 years ago he moved to the Bangkok Bank in the City in a similar capacity. He took early retirement last year.

Cross had travelled in the Soviet Union, the Middle and Far East on banking business and also entertained visiting Russians, showing them entertainment in the West End.

He leaves a widow and three step-children.

Mr Frank Unwin, President for many years of the Gladiolus Breeders' Association, has died at the age of 90.

It was after a meeting in 1925 with a Dutch grower that Unwin began breeding Gladiolus primulinus, finally becoming an authority in the field. After the Second World War he restarted with "Goldie", following it with a succession of good cultivars including "Hastings" and "Frank's Perfection".

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

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Fill us each morning with your constant love, so that we may sing and be glad all our life.
Psalm 90.14

BIRTHS

ALEXANDER - On August 18th 1988, at The Portland Hospital to Paula (née Carlson) and Marcus, the gift of a daughter.

BEVAN - On August 10th in Bath, to Claire and Colin, a son, Rhys Edward David.

CATT - On August 18th 1988, to Sharon (née Sinclair) and Michael, a son, Christopher.

CHAMBERS On 16th August at the Portland Hospital to Judy (nee McArthur) on her 40th birthday, and Graham, a daughter, Camilla Rose a darling sister for Olivia and Tom.

COLVIN - On August 19th, 1988 in Paris, to Lucia (née Travaini) and Andrew, twin daughters.

FLETCHER - On August 20th 1988, to Jane (née Balfour) and Andrew, a son, James Ian Hinton, a brother for Charles and Kate.

SLETT - On August 17th, to Stephen and Nicola, a second daughter, Rachael Mary.

MACDONALD-JOHNSTON - On August 14th 1988, to Tamsin (née Goering) and Alistair an 8lb 9½ oz son Hamish.

MAXWELL - On August 18th, to Joanna (née Osborne) and James, a daughter, Lucy, a sister for Thomas.

PENRINGTON - On August 18th, to Tessa (née Homfray) and David, a son, Oliver.

PRIDER - On 19th August to Katharine (née Healy) and Mark, a daughter, Anna Louise.

SARGISSON - On August 18th 1988, to Portugal, to Jeanette (née Pegrum) and David, a daughter Emma Charlotte, a sister for Lucy Victoria.

SINCLAIR - On August 18th 1988 at St. Thomas' Hospital to Hugh and Caroline (née Naylor), a daughter.

DEATHS

ABRAHAMS - On August 16th, peacefully at home in Leeds, May, beloved wife of the late Phillip Lionel Abrahams, much loved mother of William, Anthony and Angela and grandmother of Karen, Daniel, Deborah, Jacqueline, Simon and Paul.

ANDREWS - August 17th peacefully at home Margaret (Peggy) aged 74 years, dearly loved by son David and family, service at all Saints Church, Sanderstead on wednesday August 24th at 12 noon followed by private cremation. Flowers may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd. 67 George Street, Croydon.

BICKERTON - On Tuesday 16th, August 1988, very suddenly, Gordon William of Westgate-on-Sea, late of Forest Hill. Dearly loved husband of Betty, sadly missed father of Tricia and Alison and loving grandfather of Ben, Natalie, Hannah and Tom. Private funeral only. No flowers by request. Donations if desired by cheque payable to the N.S.P.C.C., c/o Gore Brothers Ltd, 36/37 Addington Road, Margate, Kent.

BURGESS - On August 15th 1988, at home. Renate Ruth Adelheid. Funeral at St. Barnabas Church, Addison Road, London W14 on Friday 26th August at 1pm. Flowers to Kenyons Ltd, 49 Marloes Road, W8. Telephone 01 937 0757.

COTTON - On August 17th peacefully Col. Henry E.M. Cotton O.B.E., R.E., (Retd), aged 81, beloved husband of Rosemary, and much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Church Cross and Pile, Bucklebeath Village S.E.3, at 12 noon on Thursday August 25th. No flowers but donations if desired to: C.A.F.O.D.

CROCKENDEN - On August 18th, peacefully at home, after a long illness. Pamela Constance (Pam) beloved wife of Nicholas. Funeral arrangements to be announced later. Enquiries to W. Bumby & Son, FD, Kirkbymoorside, (07651) 31656.

CRUMBLEY - On August 17th, Jacqueline, beloved wife of Peter and dearly loved mother of Annie and Cate. Funeral on 26th August, at Mortlake Crematorium at 3pm. No flowers but donations if desired to St. Ormond St. Hospital Appeal.

DONKIN - On August 17th 1988, peacefully at her home in Eastbourne, Irene Florence. Beloved wife of Alec, mother of Christine and Jayne. Private Cremation.

FAULKNER - On August 16th, peacefully at home Hilda Mary, beloved mother of James and Ronnie. A funeral to be held at Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham on Wednesday 24th August at 12 noon

GREVILLE-SHARP - On August 19th, 1988 peacefully in Worthing hospital, Stephen Greville-Sharp, M.R.P.S., F.R.S.P.B., of Worthing, Sussex. Late of Gloucester Road, London, SW7. Dear husband of Eve. Enquiries to: H.D. Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing. Tel: 0903-34516. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Care of H.D. Tribe Ltd.

HAZAN - On August 19th, Sir John Boris Roderick. Funeral will take place at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11. At 3.45.p.m. on wednesday August 24th. Friends welcome.

HETHERINGTON - On August 18th at Welshpool, Marian Froest, of Westerham, widow of Thomas George and mother of Jo and Bridget. Funeral on Wednesday August 24th at 2.00 p.m. at Westerham Parish Church. Family flowers only but donations if wished for: OXFAM: South Suffolk Cruse: and League of Friends Welshpool Hospital.

HOWELL - peacefully in Whitstable on August 19th, Mr John H. F.R.C.S. past Maxillo-Facial Surgeon, St Thomas's Hospital, London and Dean of the Faculty of Dental Surgery. Royal College of Surgeons, England. Funeral private. Donations to Faculty of Dental Surgery.

KEMP - On August 18th 1988, tragically as a result of a road accident, aged 22 years, William (Bill) Thomas Kemp, dearly loved son of Ann and Jimmy, and adored brother of Polly and Jerome. Funeral Service at St. Peter & St. Paul's Church, Trottiscliffe, on Friday August 26th at 11.30 a.m., followed by interment in the churchyard. Flowers or donations if desired to the Atkinson Morley Hospital may be sent to Sears Funeral Service, 21 High Street, Borough Green, Kent.

LENANTON - On August 19th, 1988 after an illness bravely fought and borne with courage Barbara (Tony) very dearly loved mother and trusted friend of Johnna & Erica & grandmother of Caroline, Piers, Dominic, Andrew and Nigel. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Fulham. Enquiries to Kenyons 49 Marloes Road London W8. Tel:01-937 0757.

MAUDLING - On August 17th, Beryl wife of the late Reginald Maudling M.P. at Ashgate House, Ashgate Road, Chesterfield, aged 69 years. Funeral service to take place at St. Andrews Church, Little Berkhampstead, Hertfordshire, on Thursday 25th August at 2.00pm, followed by interment in the churchyard. Floral tributes and enquiries to JJ Burgess & sons. Tel: (07072) 62122.

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PERRIN - On August 18th peacefully at home, Sir Michael Willcox, C.B.E. ("Paul"), most dearly loved and loving husband of Ina, father of Charles and of Clare Ellis, Grandfather and Great Grandfather. Funeral at the Parish Church of St. John - at-Hampstead, Church Row, on thursday August 25th at 2.45.pm. Service of Thanksgiving to be announced later. Donations if desired to St Bartholomews Hospital Medical College, West Smithfield, EC1; Everything else please to: 4 Holford Road, Hampstead, NW3. (01-435 8103).

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THE ARTS

David Robinson welcomes a successful collaboration between new and veteran film-making talents

Comedy comes back

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

CINEMA

Britain unquestionably provides the star turns of this year's – the 42nd – Edinburgh International Film Festival. There is Chris Menges's Cannes prize-winner, *A World Apart*, which also opens this week in London; and Terence Davies's *Distant Voices, Still Lives*, which won the International Critics Prize at Cannes against all-comers, and has since taken the Grand Prix at the Locarno Festival.

The major popular success, however, has been the British premiere of **A Fish Called Wanda**, which is this week number three in the US box office ratings, a rare achievement for a British film. It is a notable instance of cross-fertilization. The director, Charles Crichton – one of the comic geniuses of Ealing, who made *Hue and Cry*, *The Lavender Hill Mob*, and *The Titfield Thunderbolt* – returns to feature direction at 77, after 23 years. The producer and writer is John Cleese, who also stars alongside his *Monty Python* collaborator, Michael Palin.

The torrential comic invention of the Pythons is harnessed by Crichton's discipline and craftsmanship (first learned as an editor with Korda in the Thirties); the result is one of the best constructed and most satisfying film comedies in a long time.

Not the least of its pleasures is the discovery of high comedic talents in the American stars, Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline. The story, for the record, tells of the seduction of an eminent London barrister (Cleese) by a wily lady jewel thief (Curtis).

In connection with the *Wanda* premiere, Edinburgh has presented a full retrospective of Crichton's work. Generally, Edinburgh retrospectives are notable for celebrating less known directors. This year's subjects are: Seijun Suzuki, a Japanese director who, since 1956, has consistently imposed a personal and experimental character on films made within the sex-and-violence exploitation genre; Jürgen Böttcher, who has humanized the East German documentary film, particularly with intimate portraits of working people; and the American underground film-maker, Robert Frank.



Eminently ripe for seduction: John Cleese as a barrister in his film *A Fish Called Wanda*

Frank, born in Zurich in 1924, is a photographer turned film-maker. Today, *Pull My Daisy* (1959) and *The Sin Of Jesus* (1961) are extraordinary quintessential film-poems of the Beat generation (Jack Kerouac speaks his own commentary to *Pull My Daisy*). It is a surprise to discover that Frank has continued making his wayward collage pictures – 14 in all – to the present day.

Few current films boast more charm than **Bagdad Cafe**, directed in the Mojave Desert by the West German film-maker, Percy Adlon. Marianne Sagebrecht, the heavyweight heroine of Adlon's previous *Sugar Baby*, turns up as a mislaid tourist at a ramshackle desert motel diner. At first, the locals are hostile to this stiff, incomprehensible foreigner; but, bit by bit, a warm and touching relationship, and finally dependence, grows up.

It is a more optimistic picture of rural society than appears in the Australian **Shame**, directed by Steve Jodrell. Here a feminist fable is treated, rather effectively, as an exploitation revenge melodrama. The women of a backwoods and backward community are shaken out of their resigned acceptance of rape as a local custom and male right by the arrival of a butch lady biker-barrister; but the outcome is tragic.

There is further curious cultural interaction in **Crazy Love**, in which a Belgian film-maker, Dominique Deruddere, transposes three short stories by Charles Bukowsky to Europe. Deruddere brings to the stories touches of comedy and sentiment, which fit oddly with the nasty necrophilia of the first of them: *The Copulating Mermaid of Venice, California*.

Mapantsula makes a fascinating comparison with *A World Apart*. Made under the noses of the South African authorities, who believed that Oliver Schmitz and his unit were shooting a gangster story, this is apartheid seen from deep inside, a fiercely realistic picture of life in the townships.

The hero is no radical idealist, but a small-time burglar, bag-snatcher and police informer, who only reluctantly discovers the need for solidarity and political action after his mother and brother are killed by Afrikaner police. Given the heroic circumstances of the making of the film, it would be impertinent to complain of confusions in its episodic narrative. It is finely acted by its mainly black cast and directed with high professional assurance.

Edinburgh was originally established as a festival for documentary, and the tradition lingers. By now a familiar Edinburgh personality, Friedhelm Brückner is a West German businessman, who takes time off every year or so to make a film expedition to some remote corner of the Third World.

Mrabri – Spirits of the Yellow Leaves records a tiny nomadic tribe (there are barely 150 members) who live hidden in the mountain forests on the borders of Thailand and Laos. Almost miraculously, Brückner and his collaborator, Dr H. Kausch, made contact with these shy, elusive people and have filmed a pre-historic way of life and an intellectual innocence so total that the concept of time and the concept of deceit are equally unknown.

The festival's final coup, for the closing night's show, will be the British premiere of Michael Cimino's **The Sicilian**. The film is preceded by some of the worst notices ever to assault a major Hollywood production; but the festival is plucky and the curiosity of its audience apparently inexhaustible.

VOCAL RECITAL

Hendricks/Pöntinen
Queen's Hall

Edinburgh is yet another stop on the international festival circuit for the American soprano Barbara Hendricks. Following Friday's recital, she will bring Strauss and Berg songs to Monday's orchestral concert with the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra.

Her 11am recital was entirely sold out; but not until midday were expectations met. It is better to draw a veil over the five Haydn canzonettas and four Mozart songs with which she began. The performances were ordinary in the extreme, the vocal accomplishment something less than ordinary.

It was no doubt partly the natural physical strain a morning recital imposes on a cold, waking voice. But it is also a fact that, even in her recordings, Hendricks is too often reluctant to invest as much concentration in those less overtly intense songs as she does in, say, a "Lebe wohl" of Hugo Wolf or a "Liebst du um Schönheit" of Mahler.

In both those songs, the new-minted radiance of her head voice and the fragile intimacy of communication, which are such distinctive hallmarks of her vocal character, were memorably present. It is this sense of the precious (in the best sense of the word) in what she sings which gives her such a following.

There were early glimpses of it in her Mendelssohn group. "On wings of song" bore the voice up into thin, if rarefied air, and her partnership with Roland Pöntinen grew ever more searching both in his "Das Mädchens Klage" and in Wolf's Mörike songs of lament and secret love.

Pöntinen, from Sweden, is an accompanist to be reckoned with. The sensitivity and imagination of his preludes did, indeed, contribute to that sense of eager expectation which Hendricks, at first, could not fulfil.

But, for Mahler's *Das Knaben Wunderhorn*, they were a match for each other in their supple, winsome recreations of its folk poetry.

Hilary Finch

Young tenacity

NYOS/Loughran
Albert Hall/Radio 3

If the standards of youth orchestras are as high as informed opinion would have us believe, then their concerts deserve to be criticized on the same level as those given by professional orchestras. It follows that no apology is necessary for some of what appears below to the sensitive young minds of the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland, playing for the first time in the land of the Sassenachs.

First the compliments, however, and not least for the sheer tenacity with which NYOS, under the guidance of James Loughran, tackled an enormously challenging programme. It began encouragingly with a scintillating account of Malcolm Arnold's "Tam O'Shanter" overture, a work whose very accessibility, like much of this composer's music, belies its substance and subtlety.

These players were alive to every shade and twist in the expressionistic chase, from the opening oily low bassoon duo and trombone solo to the breathlessly frantic end. It was particularly encouraging to hear the percussion section so brimming with confidence.

There was also much that was impressive in Rachmaninov's Third Piano Concerto, besides John Lill's idiomatic playing, which managed to be both tough and lyrical, extrovertly brilliant and affectingly warm in delivery;

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the violin tune at the opening of the second movement, for instance, was shaped with extraordinary maturity.

Yet elsewhere the orchestra tended to play too carefully, partly because of some inexact woodwind tuning, but also, one suspects, through an anxiety to provide Lill with reliable rather than imaginative support.

Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony saw one or two blatant insecurities, but the melancholic fragility of the woodwind solos in the slow movement and the lightish, quick-fire burlesque of the Allegretto did much to compensate. All the more disappointing that the finale, for which the fine brass section came into its own, missed the spirit of the composer biting his thumb, as it were, at the regime which attempted to bring him to his knees.

Stephen Pettitt

LPO/Litton
Albert Hall Radio 3

Shostakovich's scores could hardly be described as fussy: a few well placed expressive and dynamic markings are usually enough, and a great deal is normally left to the players' imagination. Most do not need prompting, but it was unusual to hear a performance of a Shostakovich symphony that was so subtle in its shaping and shading as that of the London Philharmonic Orchestra under Andrew Litton.

To say that it gave the impression of being well rehearsed does not necessarily sound like a compliment, but in this case it is: rehearsed to the point where everyone knew exactly what to do, but not to the point where spontaneity becomes impossible.

It was a performance that satisfied on every level: each movement had its proper momentum, and the playing of the LPO was rarely less than telling – it was a shame about the piccolo intonation in the coda of the first movement, though even this failed to undermine the authority of Litton's reading. Excellent too to hear the first movement development held back a little in tempo rather than driven forward – the central climax gained enormously in power and intensity thereby.

For all its appalling popularity, Mendelssohn's violin concerto seems endlessly capable of renewal, given a sympathetic interpreter. Salvatore Accardo ought to be able to play the work in his sleep, yet he approached it as though it were a new experience. No tinkering with the score though: Mendelssohn's every marking was respected, often with wonderful results, such as the singing pianissimo in the slow movement's recapitulation.

A splendidly vital performance of Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet* opened the programme with the woodwind chorale as precise as I have ever heard it. The Litton-LPO partnership undoubtedly has enormous potential.

Stephen Johnson

Freedom on tape

RADIO

I suspect that a substantial number of those who listen to speech programmes never tune in to a radio; they slip in a cassette and press the key marked "play". The habit has been creeping up on us for years and the reasons are not too far to seek.

Radio listeners are at the mercy of what the broadcasters choose to throw at them; of the state of the ionosphere; of the phone call from a garrulous relative, or interruptions from visiting Jehovah's Witnesses. But listen on cassette and you buy (or borrow from your public library) some freedom of choice and complete independence from vagaries of reception and importunate callers.

Two years ago, when I last saw it, the catalogue of speech available on cassette was already enormous. But this list was rather like a map of South America from which the Amazon has been omitted, since it contained hardly anything from the greatest of all the national, or indeed international, repositories of recorded speech: the BBC.

Why this happened is a long and tedious story connected with the Corporation's idea of itself as a non-commercial broadcaster, plus some genuine problems of copyright. The latter were presumably overcome by 1984, for the issue of a rather haphazard assortment of plays, but this floundered, possibly as a reflection of the choice, certainly for want of sales commitment.

One event plus recent pressures on the BBC to get a return from its assets began to change all that. The event was the issue of a large (13 cassette) boxed set of the Radio 4 adaptation of *The Lord Of The Rings* which, to the apparent astonishment of BBC Enterprises, if nobody else, promptly sold in thousands at a substantial price. That publication, at an even more substantial price, survives into Enterprise's launch between September and November of the first 44 titles in **The Radio Collection**, described as "the best of the BBC radio archive on audio cassette."

The best of the archive! What a formidable choice. Where do you start? One obvious way is to try and find something for everyone and this is what the selectors have done, covering the ground from *ITMA* and Carleton Hobbs as Sherlock Holmes to *After Henry* and *Crown House*, a new Radio 4 eight-part serial not even to be heard until October. In general, however, this first list seems designed to appeal to an established adult Radio 4 listenership and gives more than a nod in the direction of the nostalgia market.

So *Children's Hour* is there, including two episodes of *Toytown*, and although this is one of the titles in the rather skimpy children's section it must be a question of how many children of the 1980s will go for it. In fact I can see this section, which otherwise includes *The Hobbit* and Alan Bennett reading Pooh and Alice, as more of a magnet for ageing parents.

This is in contrast to some spoken cassettes in general which feature large amounts of child material. My own guess is that in this day of the Walkman and the car cassette player, *The Radio Collection* will need to extend its child appeal, a move which might also help to build that future generation of listeners which broadcasters seem to fear will never materialize.

Meanwhile on live radio there is **Towards 2000 With The Radio 4 Generation**. This generation consists of some 200 recently enfranchised voters, on whom radio calls upon from time to time. And so, each Friday, John Humphrys valiantly chairs the discussion in a different region (Liverpool, Glasgow and London so far) when a small local panel addresses itself to the current standing of one of the seven deadly sins. These programmes relay little but familiar and dispiriting sound, unchanged since days of school and teenage family, of highly charged and inconclusive argument.

David Wade

Charles Bremner on an American critics' poll of the best pop records in the past 25 years

These we have loved, or loathed

With the Vietnam war dogging the vice-presidential hopes of a Sixties student and the release of the first government-approved hair restorer in America last week, it was a good time for the baby boom generation to look back on lost youth. With impeccable timing, *Rolling Stone* magazine, chronicle of the rock age, seized the mood of nostalgia by issuing a list of the "100 best singles of the last 25 years".

Not surprisingly, a British song – the Rolling Stones' "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" – was the top choice of the 25 leading US pop critics who voted the rankings, and British bands accounted for over a quarter of the chart, from the Beatles' 1964 "I Want to Hold Your Hand", voted third best, to the Sex Pistols' "Anarchy in the UK" of 1976, ranked at 32.

Curious to British minds, though, was the relatively low ranking given to the Beatles by the purist American critics, though they and the Stones tie with four singles each – the most repeated artists on the list – and John Lennon makes the 100 with two of his own songs. The second Beatles record was "Hey Jude", rated at 29th, followed by "Strawberry Fields Forever" at 48 and "Help!" at 53.

"In the Sixties, an extraordinarily consistent succession of 45s reaffirmed rock and roll's power to electify and inspire," said the editors, perhaps a little wistfully. "The biggest chill comes from realizing how accurately these singles mirrored the mood of youth at the time and echoed the changes convulsing the world at large. Two decades down the trail, they still resonate with power."

Rolling Stone said it chose 1963 – after Elvis Presley's greatest hits – as the starting date because it was a time of revitalization and reinvention following the pop slump of the late Fifties and early Sixties. "It began responding to the new sounds from England, Detroit, the West Coast and countless suburban garages."

Explaining the choice of Mick Jagger and Keith Richards's snarling "Satisfaction", anthem of the mid-Sixties, the editors said: "It is the perfect riff: tough, dramatic and instantaneous in its impact – the rock and roll equivalent of the opening notes of Beethoven's Fifth."

Keith Richards says he dreamed up that opening guitar riff in a motel in Florida while the band was touring in 1965. He handed them over to Mick Jagger, who made up the lyrics in 10 minutes by the swimming pool.

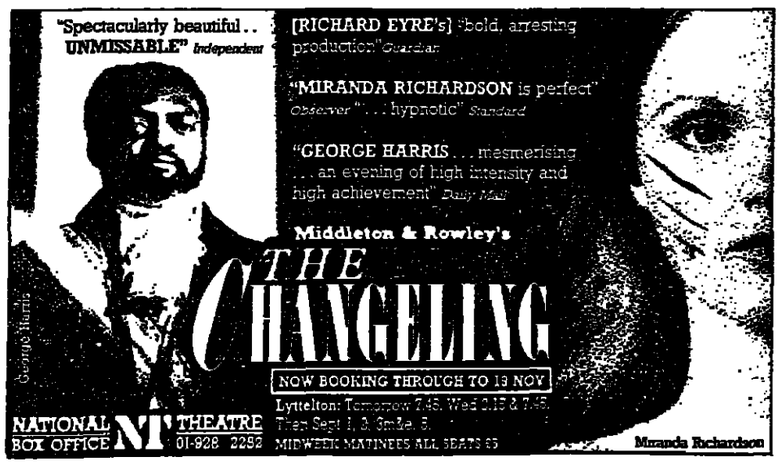
Rolling Stone Critics' Choice

1: (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction, Rolling Stones (1965)
2: Like a Rolling Stone, Bob Dylan (1965)
3: I Want to Hold Your Hand, Beatles (1964)
4: I Heard It Through The Grapevine, Marvin Gaye (1968)
5: I Want You Back, Jackson 5 (1969)
6: Respect, Aretha Franklin (1967)
7: (Sittin' on) The Dock of the Bay, Otis Redding (1968)
8: Fortunate Son, Creedence Clearwater Revival (1969)
9: Born to Run, Bruce Springsteen (1975)
10: Stop! In the Name of Love, Supremes (1965)
11: Good Vibrations, Beach Boys (1966)
12: The Tracks of My Tears, Smokey Robinson & the Miracles (1965)
13: In the Midnight Hour, Wilson Pickett (1965)
14: What's Going On, Marvin Gaye (1971)
15: You Really Got Me, Kinks (1964)
16: My Generation, the Who (1966)
17: Little Red Corvette, Prince (1983)
18: Louie Louie, Kingsmen (1963)
19: You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin', Righteous Brothers (1964)
20: Gloria, Them (1965)
21: Dancin' In The Street, Martha & the Vandellas (1964)
22: Billie Jean, Michael Jackson (1983)
23: Reach Out I'll Be There, Four Tops (1966)
24: Shake, Sam Cooke (1965)
25: The Message, Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five (1982)
26: Gimme Some Lovin', Spencer Davis Group (1967)
27: Honky Tonk Women, Rolling Stones (1969)
28: My Girl, Temptations (1965)
29: Hey Jude, Beatles (1968)
30: River Deep, Mountain High, Ike & Tina Turner (1966)
31: Don't Worry Baby, Beach Boys (1964)
32: Anarchy in the UK, Sex Pistols (1976)
33: When A Man Loves A Woman, Percy Sledge (1966)
34: Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Agin), Sly & the Family Stone (1970)
35: Da Doo Ron Ron, Crystals (1963)
36: 96 Tears, ? and the Mysterians (1966)
37: The Letter, Box Tops (1967)
38: Be My Baby, Ronettes (1963)
39: Wooly Bully, Sam the Sham and the Pharoahs (1965)
40: Light My Fire, Doors (1967)
41: Chain of Fools, Aretha Franklin (1967)
42: Hotel California, Eagles (1977)



Florida-inspired: Jagger and Richards in 1965

43: Oh, Pretty Woman, Roy Orbison (1964)
44: Imagine, John Lennon (1971)
45: Let's Stay Together, Al Green (1971)
46: Pride (in the Name of Love), U2 (1984)
47: Suspicious Minds, Elvis Presley (1969)
48: Strawberry Fields Forever, Beatles (1967)
49: Try A Little Tenderness, Otis Redding (1966)
50: Stayin' Alive, Bee Gees (1977)
51: When Doves Cry, Prince (1984)
52: Proud Mary, Creedence Clearwater Revival (1969)
53: Help!, Beatles (1965)
54: I Want to Know What Love Is, Foreigner (1984)
55: California Dreamin', The Mamas and the Papas (1966)
56: Brown Eyed Girl, Van Morrison (1967)
57: For What It's Worth, Buffalo Springfield (1967)
58: Go Your Own Way, Fleetwood Mac (1977)
59: Who'll Stop The Rain?, Creedence Clearwater Revival (1970)
60: Good Times, Chic (1979)
61: Walk This Way, Aerosmith (1976)
62: Groovin', Rascals (1967)
63: Love Will Tear Us Apart, Joy Division (1980)
64: Needles and Pins, Searchers (1964)
65: All Along The Watchtower, Jimi Hendrix (1968)
66: Hold On, I'm Comin', Sam and Dave (1966)
67: Crimson and Clover, Tommy James and the Shondells (1968)
68: Jumpin' Jack Flash, Rolling Stones (1968)
69: Once in a Lifetime, Talking Heads (1981)
70: Somebody To Love, Jefferson Airplane (1967)
71: Bridge Over Troubled Water, Simon and Garfunkel (1970)
72: Wild Thing, Troggs (1966)
73: Superstition, Stevie Wonder (1972)
74: Brown Sugar, Rolling Stones (1971)
75: The House of the Rising Sun, Animals (1964)
76: Ohio, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young (1970)
77: Son-of-a Preacher Man, Dusty Springfield (1968)
78: She's Not There, Zombies (1964)
79: Instant Karma (We All Shine On), John Lennon (1970)
80: Papa's Got A Brand New Bag, James Brown (1965)
81: Walk On The Wild Side, Lou Reed (1973)
82: Walk Away Renee, Left Banke (1966)
83: Devil With a Blue Dress On/Good Golly Miss Molly, Mitch Ryder (1966)
84: Your Song, Elton John (1970)
85: A Whiter Shade of Pale, Procol Harum (1967)
86: Mr Tambourine Man, Byrds (1965)
87: Maggie May, Rod Stewart (1971)
88: Summer in the City, Lovin' Spoonful (1966)
89: Tell It Like It Is, Aaron Neville (1966)
90: Overnight Sensation (Hit Record), Raspberries (1974)
91: Good Lovin', Rascals (1966)
92: Bang a Gong (Get It On), T. Rex (1972)
93: Night Moves, Bob Seger (1977)
94: War, Edwin Starr (1970)
95: Every Breath You Take, Police (1983)
96: Whole Lotta Love, Led Zeppelin (1969)
97: Layla, Derek and the Dominos (1972)
98: Beck Stabbers, O'Jays (1972)
99: Uptown Girl, Billy Joel (1983)
100: People Get Ready, Impressions (1965)



Motors and masculinity

TELEVISION

Emotional sophistication is a quality I no longer hope to find in any television documentary, least of all in a scientific programme about motor racing. It was, therefore, a marvellous treat to watch last night's *Equinox* (Channel 4) about the sport's fatal attraction and one of its more obscure heroes, Frank Williams.

Between Ken Russell and Arianna Stassinopoulos has flourished the notion that the artist is more interesting than the art, a Me-generation heresy of which this programme had no trace. Writer-producer Patrick Uden is clearly full of the right stuff, and went first for the entire glorious mythology of motor sport.

The programme's title, *Toys for the Boys*, hinted at its theme. Here the principle was stated without sneering; engineers freely admitted that they had begun with Meccano as boys and simply found a way to get paid for the game on a grand scale.

Keith Botsford, former *Sunday Times* motor editor, explained that a deep erotic undercurrent gave the seemingly aesthetic pleasures of the garage their glamour. Power and domination were what motor racing was all about.

Frank Williams did not take the screen until the second half of the programme; he seldom spoke for himself, his personal life was ignored and he was resolutely described as a man with a large ego and little charm.

It was not until the final minutes that the documentary revealed that Williams had been crippled in a road accident, and the camera rested on the king of speed slowly patrolling his workshop in a wheelchair.

Glory of an earlier strain was the theme of *Man and Music* (Channel 4), which concluded the life story of Handel by linking the eventual acceptance of *Messiah* to the 18th century's growing social awareness.

Celia Brayfield

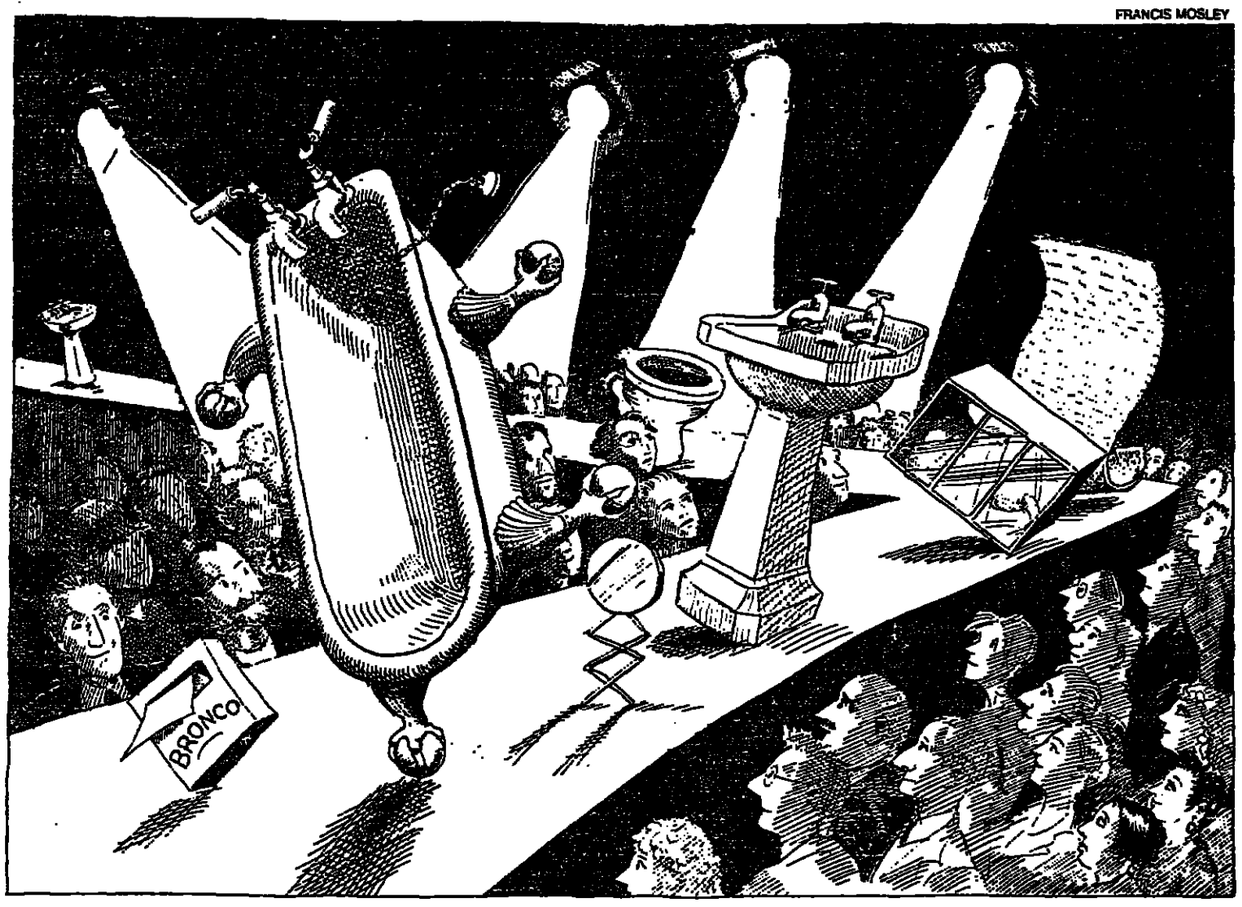
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In with the old, out with the new

The bathroom has ousted the kitchen as the modern householder's pride and joy. But, Linda Franklin warns, there are widely differing views on this most important room

FRANCIS MOSLEY



If you should find, when visiting friends, nothing more in the bathroom by way of lavatory paper than a pile of Bronco under a stone, don't make a note to buy them a decent holder with some nice, soft Andrex in it – it could be they realize that this is *le dernier cri* in style, according to *Harpers & Queen*.

The September issue has us following the adventures of Charlotte, daughter of Lady Emily and fiancée of Julian, as she attempts to decorate the bedroom and bathroom of her marital home. The potential style pitfalls are numerous. Out, out, out, according to *H & Q* as it lays down the decorative law, are four-posters festooned with flowered chintz, as is a lace bedspread over a pink blanket. Dralon bedheads are "quite ghastly". You might consider instead converting an old door or screen into a bedhead. If you find an Edwardian bed with mahogany head and foot, your problems are solved.

And so it goes on: out are broderie-trimmed or frilled sheets and, naturally, anything in nylon or flannelette and coloured aubergine, nicotine or navy. In are white linen or percale. Out are heart-shaped pillows, in are square French ones. Out are duvets on show (cover with a heavy linen or plain cotton bedcover), in are white cotton cellular blankets and merino blankets with satin ribbons. CC41s (grey utility blankets) are deemed very smart. Scatter cushions are out, bolsters are in. Modern dressing tables are out (unless designed by Eileen Gray): use a Georgian or Edwardian desk instead. Eschew large bottles of designer scent – decant into early scent bottles.

Get rid immediately of coloured fittings in the bathroom (be ruthless: even blush pink) and taps shaped like swans, hands or serpents and new brass taps. Replace with chrome and dull-surfaced nickel. Coats of arms on loo seats (should you be tempted to put yours on) are non-U. Patterned lavatories – if old and blue and white – have been given the seal of approval, as have wooden seats. Forget clinical cabinets, go for old corner cupboards or wall-hung whatnots instead. For the downstairs lavatory: wine labels and old photos stuck on the wall are out, old theatre programmes are in.

It's not, however, a style guide that looks like winning universal approval: "Fun, but it's rubbish," says John Stefanides, the designer responsible for the Bank of England banqueting hall and the ballroom of the British Embassy in Washington. "These niceties are baloney. I do react badly to nylon and Dralon. I don't like the look or the feel of it, and nylon sheets are a nightmare! But if you like heart-shaped cushions or frilled and broderie-trimmed sheets, why shouldn't you have them?" You might even like black satin sheets with roses embroidered on them, suggests Stefanides, adding cheerfully, "And why not?

"I don't like the idea of using a door or screen as a headboard though – it's too bastardized. But I don't object to mad fun beds: I like festoons and chintz."

Despite his reluctance to lay down arbitrary rules, David Hicks, the designer who counts among his customers the Princess Royal, the Prince of Wales, Douglas Fairbanks and Helena Rubenstein, agrees with all the outs apart from new brass taps. He thinks them very acceptable. His pet hates are mixers: "They make the place look like an hotel."

Old blue and white lavatories were hard to find in working order, he cautioned, and corner cupboards are cottagey. As for old theatre programmes, they're as out as the wine labels and photos: "They're all awful. Gimmicks become boring – the home is too serious a place for them. But I like pictures hanging in the bathroom and loo." He has seen so many examples of bad taste he could write a book: "Typical is a pretentiously framed reproduction of a great work of art – it's even worse when they put a picture light on it!"

Nicholas Haslam (clients Rupert Everett, Bryan Ferry, Robert Lacey and Tessa Dahl) says bed hangings are out, but very high four-posters with stiff pelmets are in. He adds to the list of unacceptable bedwear satin sheets – but pronounces broderie-trimmed and frilled sheets to be perfectly OK.

"Coloured bathrooms aren't out – beige and grey are OK; and classic 18th-century taps (in exotic shapes) are never out and are best in bronze. Brass should only be used in flower rooms or swimming pools and gold should only be seen in Hampstead and Saudi Arabia," Haslam says. Clinical cabinets are very in, he feels. Corner cupboards? "NEVER! Bathrooms shouldn't look like tea shops." And he finds old – and new – photos fascinating. Favourite in his "more money than sense" list was a four-poster bed he'd seen in the master cabin of a yacht: "Ludicrous."

Erick Karlsen, chairman and MD of Jane Churchill Ltd, who have six shops specializing in classic English design and furnishings, says the idea of a door as headboard is "the sort of thing you'd find in an Australian DIY handbook". He feels brass and iron bedsteads are on their way out; likes dressing tables skirted with muslin or white lace and broderie anglaise; does not like modern or early scent bottles – "a scent bottle is a scent bottle, because it's old doesn't make it art.

"What's the most frightening thing I've ever seen in a house? A bathroom in Fifties pink: nylon carpet, nylon festoons, tissue boxes and loo roll holders appliqued with butterflies. A real swine."

Steve Ridings, who publishes the *Interior Designer's Handbook*, was surprised at the implication that some of the out things could ever have been thought to be in. As for the Bronco: "What are you supposed to use – the Bronco or the stone?".

"Nickel taps are in, chrome is out," says Max Pike, who sells and designs contemporary bathrooms. "Coloured bathrooms are out but off-white (as well as white) is in – so are clinical cabinets."

Bedrooms and bathrooms are big business at Magnet PLC, rivalling kitchens as a rapidly growing part of its £375.6 million annual turnover. It has 220 branches nationwide and, according to Nigel Dickman, who runs its Kensington branch: "White, steel baths with an Edwardian feel: a big, solid bath and big wash basins on pedestals are what people buy. Gold taps are popular and we sell a lot of fitted bedroom furniture: a run of cupboards with a space for a dressing table. It's melamine, fronted with a natural wood or laminate."

According to Jane Taylor of Heal's, "the trend is away from fitted to the free-standing bedroom furniture. One very popular dressing table is an original Heal's design in limed oak, very simple with two drawers and little hearts cut out. There's a big move away from dark woods."

The Conran Shop confirms that many are perfectly happy to pay around £63 for a double duvet in pure white Egyptian cotton. "Plain white towels are also popular, but we do sell a lot of pastels and black, too." But its customers have yet to discover the allure of nickel bathroom fittings.

But is the well-turned-out bed or bathroom anything other than a personal investment? Will time spent considering the colour of your bath or the shape of your bed prove well spent when you come to sell? Yes, says Roger Pridmore, a director of estate agents Bairstow Eves, one of the largest groups in the country. "A few years ago it was the kitchen that was the pride and joy – now nice bedrooms and bathrooms are the status symbols. Once you've got a good kitchen, put in a nice bathroom (or two) and you're half way there."

Anne Marsh of C.P. Hart, the bathroom specialists, says its customers frequently spend £3,000 on a bathroom. It sells a lot of period stuff: "Ninety-five per cent buy white and, of those, 60 per cent are in Victorian or Edwardian style," Marsh says. "Roll top and claw feet baths are very popular. Brass and chrome taps with cross heads sell well. We don't do nickel – too expensive." And hang on to your high-level lavatory, they are definitely "coming back".

'What's the most frightening thing I've ever seen in a house? A bathroom in Fifties pink. A real swine'

What's in a name?

Quite a lot, as the Princess of York is bound to discover



The length of time it is taking the Duke and Duchess of York to announce the name of their baby indicates that the answer to Shakespeare's question is: rather a lot. What fits cutely on a baby's bonnet can sound absolutely crass applied to a child in school and perfectly appalling when considered in connection with the fifth in line to the throne.

The suspicion that the Yorks – with a possibly avant-garde taste in names – are experiencing some difficulty accommodating the more traditional preferences of the Queen and her advisers cannot be gainsaid.

It is a delicate matter, not only because a name can reveal your social class, age, religion, nationality, ethnic background or favourite television programme, but also because it is such a responsibility. What you believe is an attractive social handle which *will help to open doors* for your offspring may be perceived by them as a cross to bear.

Psychiatrists often ask patients how they feel about their names because the answers reveal so much about *how they feel about themselves*. Lunatic parents have been known to saddle their offspring with the christian names of a whole football team or have failed to notice that a child's initials offer its gleeful peers an hilarious joke.

When Andrew Colman, a psychologist at the University of Leicester, conducted a survey in Australia and Britain into people's preferences for names he uncovered an odd paradox. "Whereas familiar surnames like Smith and Jones and unusual surnames like Nall or Codling were universally disliked, and people preferred intermediate surnames like Burton, the opposite was true for first names. The most common ones, like James and Elizabeth or David and Mary, were very popular.

"What happens when they become over-popular, though, is what we call the 'preference feedback mechanism', which works like a central heating thermostat. As millions of people start giving their baby the same name it self-regulates and begins to be less popular through over-exposure."

An American survey into first names showed that some conjure up stereotypes which people do not want their children to grow into and so begin to avoid. Cecils were perceived as weedy, a bit bald and wearing glasses, so any baby christened Cecil who grew up to be a muscular, sporting type would feel fairly incongruous with his name. Similarly, says Colman, a librarian called Zsa-Zsa might suffer an identity crisis.

But thousands of ordinary souls called Paul Newman or Joan Collins seem to cope with the absurdity of their names. Tracy, virtually unknown a generation ago, became acceptable even in other social circles after the popular film *High Society* when Grace Kelly was called Tracy Lord. Adolf was – once – a favourite name among German parents, Jesus is a fairly common boy's name in Spain, and Emma is perennially popular in this country, apparently because we still love to wallow in Jane Austen.

Parents often cannot agree on a name. Leslie Dunkling, a BBC producer who has written a number of books on the origins of names and what makes people choose as they do, is frequently asked to mediate, an onerous task he prefers to avoid by steering couples to their own solution.

"Some couples are still arguing nine months after the birth and almost at the divorcing stage," he says. "I advise each partner to give the names on their list a mark from 1 to 20. That way she gives her favourite 20, the one she dislikes most 1 and he does the same. In the end they probably end up with one name both gave 12 to which, when they really think about it, is a good compromise.

"Some girls of 12 or 13 have already decided what they are going to call their children; it is known as the stored name phenomenon. In America there was a popular TV programme involving three heroes, Joshua, Jason and Jeremy, and their names appeared seven years later when their fans started to have kids. But the idea that parents copy royalty is a myth. You don't hear of many babies being christened Zara, Princess Anne's rather whimsical choice."

The dilemma for parents, unless they choose something seriously dull, is that names, particularly girls' names, have fashions, so that a daughter's preference is probably always going to be at odds with that of her parents. A glamorous beauty Gladys Cooper might have been, but the name was anathema to the women saddled with it later. There was once a vogue for flowers, as in Rose, Violet or, heaven help me, Heather; another for jewels, Ruby and Pearl, a foolish vogue for fruit, Clementine and Cherry, and months like May and June have also had their heyday.

Besides not illuminating particularly well the owners' true personalities, names like these also fix their owners into a time warp. The Duke and Duchess of York not only have to contend with two generation gaps but must also consider what fits well with *Princess and, presumably*, even the remote possibility of Queen.

Dunkling, who chose it for his daughter, thinks Catherine has stood the test of time well but would plump for Eve. He says: "Like many aristocratic families with powerful grandparents they could incorporate a relevant name, in this case Elizabeth, and then call their daughter Lisa or Beth. Sometimes the diminutive form has a good image. It is very common for grandparents to say: 'My God, what a name they have come up with', but parents usually go their own way – even though they know that they will have to listen to granny's opinion of their choice."

Heather Kirby

A mother's choice

TALKBACK

Mrs Christine Dugmore, Kingswood Chase, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex

Edwina Currie's methods may be questionable, but at least for the first time in many years she is creating the opportunity for real debate on the issues surrounding infant feeding.

We need to know why, in the face of so much evidence, so many caring, thoughtful women choose not to breast-feed "for a variety of personal reasons", as Barbara Amiel suggests in her article "Unhealthy attitudes" (August 12). And what of the women who deeply and sincerely do want to breast-feed but who have to stop sooner than they wished because they have difficulties and find there is insufficient sympathetic and skilled help available to them?

Of course parents must be free to make their own choice about how they will feed their babies. Whether they can do so in the face of misleading quasi-medical advice from health professionals like Ms Amiel's doctor acquaintance or seduction by advertisements by formula manufacturers seems unlikely.

Unfortunately, it is often the mothers of babies who would benefit most by having the protection of breast-milk who choose bottle-feeding.

Patti Rundall, National Co-ordinator, Baby Milk Action Coalition, Blinco Grove, Cambridge

As part of an organization that has worked for years to persuade our Government to think more about infant health than about corporate profits, I had almost despaired that the Department of Health would ever take a firm line with the baby food manufacturers.

Despite the lip-service paid to the "breast is best" message, the odds have been firmly in favour of bottle-feeding. The latest figures show that although two-thirds of British women want to breast-feed, only a third succeed – and paid employment is not the reason that they give.

Florence sports her true colours



PENNY PERRICK

Glamour is slinking into some unlikely places. George Bush has employed a *risagiste*, Burt Reynolds's very own make-up man Tom Ellingwood, to put on his pan stick for him, although I don't think that even the most judicious use of highlighter will make the vice-president look like anything sexier than a bank manager. Russia is about to choose her first Miss Soviet Union. And Florence Griffith Joyner has put sex appeal into, of all things, sprinting.

Ms Griffith Joyner, as you probably know, can run a hundred metres in 10½ seconds. But far more interestingly, she brought 14 outfits to wear in last month's US Olympic trials in Indianapolis, even though she was only going to compete in eight races.

This attention to attire puts her in a class of her own, way above those nightclub singers who smoulder through a dozen numbers clad in a white sequined sheath and then disappear for a few minutes so that they can sing the next sequence dressed in royal blue bugle beads.

I think that changing your outfit every 10 seconds the way that Florence does is putting *one over on* all those lacquered ladies who frequent hairdressers in Belgravia. And when I say frequent I mean frequent, since they start off with a shampoo and set after breakfast and then pop in again before lunch and again before cocktails for a comb-out.

And for Florence to take along 14 ensembles when her public appearance is going to last for just under a minute and a half beats the heck out of all those constant jet-setters who won't make a move without hat boxes and sable coats and electric foot massagers even if they are just going to spend a weekend on a yacht moored off the Sardinian coast.

I once interviewed a woman who never stayed in one place for more than two minutes and she told me that she had solved the problem of packing by keeping the Diors in the châteaux in France, the Paccis in the villa in Umbria and the Burberrys in the flat in London. I have followed her example ever since and now keep the wellingtons in Connemara and the silk blouse bought in the Harvey Nichols sale in Earls Court.

To return to Florence's wardrobe; well, it gives the term "good sport" a new meaning. There is the luminous pink body suit worn under a little trifle of black lace, which looks as though it came from one of those shops in Soho which are no longer allowed to have window displays. There is the leotard with one leg provocatively missing and there is the white lace body stocking.

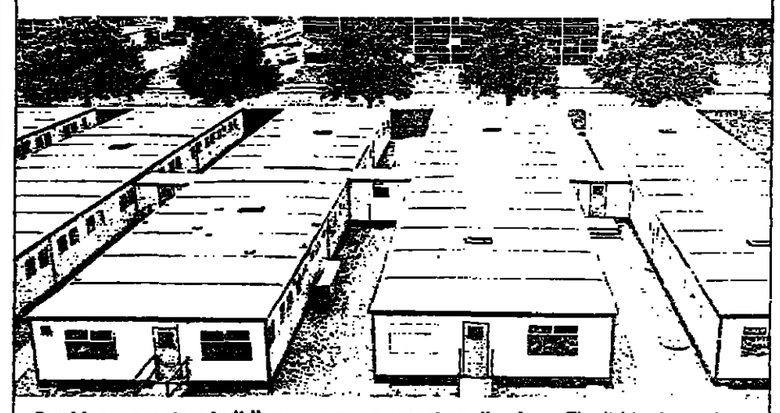
Then there are the nails. They used to be four and a half inches long but it was thought that this might have slowed her down a fraction so now they are just decorated with rhinestones or painted with tiny Hawaiian beach scenes complete with palm trees and seagulls.

If Florence had been around when I was an impressionable, sports-detesting schoolgirl things might have turned out differently, and I might even now be able to run for a bus and catch it instead of being left behind wheezing on the kerb. For the reason that I and my like-minded friends used to hide in the lavatories during hockey, netball, rounders, gym and swimming was not so much that we hated the exercise as that we wouldn't have been seen dead in the clothes.

There is no sight more ghastly than a girls' hockey team running up and down Regent's Park, their knees glowing palely like miniature skulls under their navy serge divided skirts. There is nothing more likely to turn the most graceful teenager into a passable imitation of Minnie Mouse than to insist that she turns out on the netball field in black gym shoes and white ankle socks.

The result was that those who shone at sports were the goody-goodies, the conventional, the unresourceful. The brightest and best proved themselves by climbing out of the changing room window at the swimming baths and falling into an entirely convincing faint when the bell rang for gym. What a shame that our competitive spirit and love of style wasn't fostered by letting us outdo each other in the shapeliness of our leotards and the scenic beauty of our fingernails.

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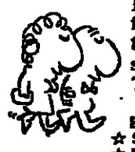
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **BLOOD BROTHERS:** Willy Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Kiki Dee as their mother.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm, £6.90-£16.50.

☆ **EASY VIRTUE:** Attractive revival of Noël Coward 1926 with Jane How scandalizing her teenage husband's frightful county folks.
Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road WC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8.10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.30pm, mat Tues 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £7.50-£12.50.

☆ **THE FIFTEEN STREETS:** Heartwarming Catherine Cookson romance set in Edwardian South Shields. Lovely stuff.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (01-839 4401). Tube: Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, £5-£14.50.

☆ **GREEK:** Steven Berkoff's savage version of *Oedipus*, set in East London.
Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-867 1116). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Sat 5-7.15pm, £5.50-£13.50.

☆ **THE RECRUITING OFFICER:** Jim Broadbent as rascally Sgt Kite in a strongly cast production of Farquhar's tough comedy.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 1745, cc 01-240 7200). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm; mats Sat 4-6.30pm.Mon £4, Thurs-Sat £5-£12.

☆ **STOP IN THE NAME OF LOVE:** Nostalgia musical: back to the Sixties with the Fabulous Singlettes sporting beehive hair-dos, who sing it like it was.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman St, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thur 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-8.30pm and 9-11pm, £4-£10.50. £5-£13.50.

☆ **SOUTH PACIFIC:** Gemma Craven and Emile Belcourt in magnificently staged revival.
Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, W1 (01-839 5989). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm, £8.50-£20.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Strand Theatre (01-836 2660)... ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9)... ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ **The Phantom of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

EDINBURGH: ☆ **P'tit Albert:** See caption.
Drummond High School, Cochrane Terrace (031 226 2633), 8-9.15pm, £6.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
▩ **Advance booking possible**

■ **BEETLEJUICE (15):** Michael Keaton steals the scenes as a ghost in a supernatural comedy. Tim Burton directs (92 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.
▩ **Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 1.55, 4.15, 6.40, 9.05.**
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.20, 3.40, 6.05, 8.30.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.15, 8.40.

■ **COMING TO AMERICA (15):** Eddie Murphy as a pampered foreign prince who comes to America to select his own bride. A botched comic vehicle with a touch of sweetness; directed by John Landis (116 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.10.
▩ **Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.20, 9.15.**
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.05, 3.25, 5.55, 8.25.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 12.45, 3.05, 5.35, 8.15.
Plaza 1 (01-200 0200). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15, 10.45.
Plaza 2 (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30.

THE COUCH TRIP: Dan Aykroyd plays an anarchic prisoner who escapes, impersonates a psychiatrist, takes over a radio phone-in show and becomes a media celebrity (98 min).
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Prog 8.45.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5906). Progs 1.00, 3.10, 6.00, 8.15.
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 12.55, 3.25, 6.00, 8.40.

A HANDFUL OF DUST (PG): Directed by Charles Sturridge, James Wilby and Kristin Scott Thomas star in Evelyn Waugh's savage novel (118 min).
▩ **Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.10.**
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 12.50, 3.10, 5.40, 8.20.

THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE (15): Revival of the 1962 political thriller., with Laurence Harvey as the brainwashed war hero manipulated by Mommy (Angela Lansbury). John Frankenheimer directs (103 min).
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 3.15, 6.15, 8.30.

MANON DES SOURCES (PG): Ten years after the death of Jean de Florette, his 18-year-old daughter still haunts the hills overlooking the farm stolen from her father by Soubeyran, played by Yves Montand (120 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.45, 6.45, 9.25.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Pogs 2.45, 5.05, 7.35, 10.00.

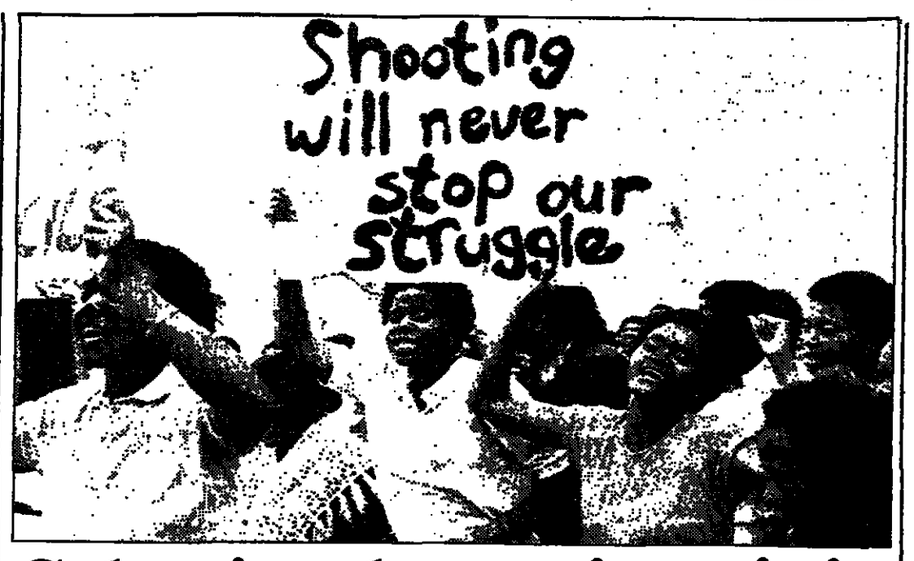
THE MILAGRO BEANFIELD WAR (15): An impoverished farmer's plans to cultivate his land spark a battle between little people and big business. Pleasing fable, directed by Robert Redford (his first film since *Ordinary People*) with Ruben Blades, Richard Bradford and Sonia Braga (118 min).
▩ **Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.15, 9.15.**
▩ **Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 12.05, 2.25, 4.45, 7.10, 9.35.**

POWAQQATSI (U): More of the same from the *Koyaanisqatsi* boys, director Godfrey Reggio and composer Philip Glass: a wordless whirlwind tour through images of planet Earth (99 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 4.20, 7.20, 9.50.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.30, 3.35, 6.00, 8.25.

PRINCE — SIGN 'O' THE TIMES: Concert film with Sheena Easton (85 min).
Dominion (01-580 9562). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.35.

SHAG (15): Frivolous film, named after an American dance craze; with Bridget Fonda, Phoebe Cates, Page Hannah and a youthful cast as boys and girls entering a dance contest in the 1960s (100 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.35, 4.50, 7.20, 9.40.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.05, 8.30.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.

Schmitz shoots it as it is



Oliver Schmitz knew "something was wrong" in South Africa when he saw white men patrolling the streets with whips in 1976. At the same time the teachers in his Afrikaner school were coming out with racist "jokes" — nothing subtle here, just "making allusions to black people stinking or having smaller brain capacities". Now 28, he has just directed *Mapantsula*, a powerful indictment of the injustices in his country based on the experiences of his co-writer, star of the film and university friend, Thomas Mogotlane. (Review page 14). "I feel a personal involvement with the film rather than an abstract commitment," explained Schmitz. "Thomas and I had been discussing this project for years and it was important for us to do what we wanted to do and not to succumb to apathy. We didn't want to set our own psychological barriers or conform to those that others imposed on us. When we were making it, people would say 'it's too dangerous', but what are the dangers? 'It could cause trouble' — nothing more specific than that." In fact, by presenting it as an apolitical gangster movie, Schmitz managed to make the film in full view of the authorities and with the financial support of South African businesses, at least one of whom has now called it "anti-South African". In reality *Mapantsula* tells the story of the happy-go-lucky Panic, a black small-time crook who has no time for politics. Only when his sacked girlfriend becomes involved with a militant union leader does he find himself caught up in a chain of events which will lead to him being imprisoned and tortured. Finally, he must make a moral decision either to act as a police informer or to risk his own life. The South African state has now appointed a Minister of Film to keep a closer eye on pictures being made in the country. Depending on the effectiveness of such a move, *Mapantsula* could be the first and last major South African film to tell it as it is. Edinburgh Film Festival, Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031 228 2688), tonight 9-10.46pm.
Stephanie Billen

Jean-Marie Frin (above) is P'tit Albert, inmate of a mental institution where he works as an auxiliary serving the food — to the audience. Indigestion is a frequent consequence of close acquaintance with Albert's tales of life with the feebs and dibbos, as he calls them, with which he assails the audience. The piece, written directed and performed by Frin, was originally based on a Jack London short story, With only 45 seats a night, it looks set to be a cult (see listing).

CONCERTS

MORNING

☆ **SHOSTAKOVICH/SHOSTAKOVICH:** The Shostakovich Quartet reach Nos 9-11 in their complete series of Shostakovich Quartets.
Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031-225 5756). 11am, £2.50-£7.

LUNCHTIME

☆ **BLOW'S VOLUNTARY:** Christopher Nickol's organ recital includes Blow's Voluntary, Tomkins's Fancy, Leighton's Paean, Bairstow's Sonata, Elgar's *Andantino* and another Voluntary, by Stanley.
St Michael's, Cornhill, London EC3, 1-1.45pm, free.

☆ **HAYDN RECITAL:** The mezzo soprano Zoe Haydn sings songs by Wolf, Falla, Horovitz and Finzi to the accompaniment of Paul Turner.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **MANFRED/METAMORPHOSEN:** Vladimir Ashkenazy conducts the RPO in Tchaikovsky's *Manfred* and in Richard Strauss's *Metamorphosen* and *Dance of the 7 Veils*.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-379 4444), 7.30pm, £3-£10.

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top 10 programmes in the week ending August 14:

BBC 1		BBC 2	
1	EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 17.85m	1	Paul Daniels Magic Show 5.70m
2	Neighbours (Fri 13:30/17:36) 15.30m	2	The Travel Show 5m
3	EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 15.15m	3	M.A.S.H. 3.75m
4	Neighbours (Thurs 13:29/17:36) 14.20m	4	Alas Smith and Jones 3.25m
5	Neighbours (Tues 13:30/17:36) 13.65m	5	Out of Love 3.15m
6	Bread 13.60m	6	Roegh Guide to Europe 2.90m
7	Neighbours (Wed 13:31/17:36) 13.40m	7	Wildlife Showcase 2.80m
8	Neighbours (Mon 13:29/17:36) 13.35m	8	Classified Love 2.65m
9	Carry On Doctor 10.50m	9	Test of Faith 2.50m
10	9 O'clock News (Tues) 10.05m	10	Gardeners World 2.45m
ITV		**Channel 4**	
1	Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 14.15m	1	Brookside (Wed/Sat) 5.70m
2	Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 12.80m	2	Brookside (Mon/Sat) 5.55m
3	News at Ten (Mon) ITN 10.90m	3	Hour of the Gun 5.20m
4	The Bill (Thurs/Fri) Thames 10.90m	4	The Dame Edna Experience 4.40m
5	News at Ten (Fri) ITN 9.80m	5	Twirl 2.80m
6	Emmerdale Farm (Wed) Yorkshire 9.75m	6	Countdown (Wed) 2.75m
7	Minder Thames 9.60m	7	Countdown (Fri) 2.40m
8	Emmerdale Farm (Thurs) Yorkshire 9.50m	8	Countdown (Thurs) 2.35m
9	Clive James on TV LWT 9.25m	9	The Golden Girls 2.35m
9	The Bill (Tues/Fri) Thames 9.25	10	All Muck and Magic 2.30m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time:* Mon to Fri 1.2m (8.5m) **TV-am:** *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.4m (11.9m)

Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

☆ **XOOMI MUSIC:** Mongolian folk musicians make their UK debut with narrative songs, praise songs, modern bogino duu. Some of the performances are in xoomi style, where one singer produces two notes simultaneously. Their instruments include the morinbuur of horsehead fiddle.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £5.

OPERA

☆ **THE LITTLE RATS:** A story of the Victorian Paris Opéra performed by the National Youth Music Theatre.
George Square Theatre, Edinburgh (031 225 5756) 7.15-9.30pm, 4-6.15pm, £6.

ROCK

☆ **JOOLS HOLLAND:** Erstwhile TV presenter, member of Squeeze and nonpareil boogie pianist appears with his misleadingly named trio — the so-called Big Band — and guest performer.
Amphitheatre, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031 229 4373) 9.15pm, £5, until September 3 (not August 28, times vary).

THE PRIMITIVES: Intimate gig for the precious pop group with vaguely arty aspirations. Full supporting cast of Birdland, the Surfdrums and the Impossibles.
Boston Arms, 178 Junction Road, London N19 (01-272 3411) 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **TWELVE DRUMMERS DRUMMING:** German group celebrating the recent release of *Where The Wild Buffalo Roams* with its first English date since the early Eighties.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (01-748 3354) 7.30pm, £5.

JAZZ

☆ **MARIAN MONTGOMERY:** Opening night of two-week cabaret residency in the company of Richard Rodney Bennett.
Pizza On The Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (01-235 5550) 9.15pm, ring for prices.

IRENE REID: The ex-Basie vocalist is followed on-stage by the Jackie Sharpe Big Band.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £10 (members £2).

"DJANGOLOGY": A celebration of the music of Django Reinhardt, with the gypsy swing band WASO, guitarist Fapy Lafertin and the Swing '88 Big Band.
Round Midnight, Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031 668 2019) 10pm, £5 unreserved.

☆ **BIRDLAND:** A tribute to Charlie Parker featuring the Red Rodney Quintet, the Courtney Pine Band and the Lisbon Jazz Sextet.
McEwans Edinburgh International Jazz Festival, Jazz Pavilion, Meadowbank Sports Centre, London Road (info 031 557 1642) 9pm-2am, £6.

☆ **ANDY SHEPPARD:** The West Country saxophonist performs a duet with free-inclined pianist Keith Tippett.
Jazz Cafe, 56 Newington Green, London N16 (01-359 4936) 8.30pm, £3.50.

DANCE

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** Last week of British tour by Moscow Classical Ballet.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021-622 7848) 7.30-10.45pm £5.50-£25.

GALLERIES

DANISH GRAPHIC ART: 100 prints by 20 contemporary Danish artists.
Collins Gallery, University of Strathclyde, Richmond Street, Glasgow (041 552 4400), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat noon-4pm, free, until Sept 22.

PAISLEY PAST AND PRESENT: A history of the patterned cravat material.
Liberty, Regent Street, London W1 (01-734 1234), Mon-Sat 9.30am-6pm, free, until Sept 3.

ANTHONY WHISHAW: An absorbing series of paintings based on Velasquez's Las Meninas.
Spacex Gallery, 45 Preston Street, Exeter (0392 31786), Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, free, until Sept 24.

LAURIE LIPTON: Bizarre, realistic pencil drawings.
Smith's Gallery, 56 Earlham Street, London WC2 (01-836 6252), Daily 11am-7pm, until Sept 10.

A JOURNEY THROUGH WALES: Historic paintings and watercolours of places visited by nationalist cleric Gerald of Wales on his famous tour in 1188.
Newport Museum and Art Gallery, John Frost Square, Newport (0633 8440064), Mon-Thurs 9.30am-5pm, Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, Sat 9.30am-4pm, free, until Sept 10.

PICTURES FROM THE LAMBTON COLLECTION: A historic survey of British art, including Sir Thomas Lawrence's The Red Boy.
The Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, Co Durham (0833 690606), Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5pm, £1.50, until Sept 4.

WALKS

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: meet Covent Garden tube, 10.30am, £3 (also next Mon).

THE LONDON OF JACK THE RIPPER: meet Whitechapel tube, 7.30pm, £3 (also next Mon).

OTHER EVENTS

HISTORY RE-ENACTMENT: The Harlech Medieval Society perform in the great 13th-century Edwardian Castle.
Harlech Castle, Harlech, North Wales. (0766 780552) 7.30pm. Gates open 7pm Adult £1 child 50p.

OLD BULL CHILDRENS FESTIVAL: Mime Workshop with Wayne Pritchett followed by childrens show, suitable seven-year-olds and over.
The Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet, Herts, (01-499 0046). Workshop and Show 10am-3.30pm £4. Show only 2.30pm, adult £2 child £1.50 plus 50p membership.

THE MAGIC MAN: Magic, games, Punch and Judy shows for young children.
De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea (0424 212022). Mon and Fri 11am until Aug 31. Tickets 65p.

NATIONAL GALLERY FILMS: Two this lunchtime; *Bruegel's People* and *Melinc*.
Lower Floor next to the theatre, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2, (01-838 3321). 1pm, free.

TORBAY ROYAL REGATTA: Popular annual event with sailing and rowing races, tug of war, fireworks and many other entertainments.
The Harbour, Torquay, Devon (info: 0803 22006) Today until Wed.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

CRICKLADE MUSIC FESTIVAL: Concerts by Domus, Philip Pickett's New London Consort, Pace Peña's flamenco guitar, Orion and Endellion String Quartets. Sept 23-Oct 1.
Festival Office, The Coach House, Latton, Swindon (Swindon 750338).

WIGGINS INTERNATIONAL SONG SERIES: Booking for recitals by Ann Murray, Philip Langridge, Sarah Walker, Benjamin Luxon, Thomas Allen. Sept-April.

LAST CHANCE

WALT DISNEY'S WORLD ON ICE: Family show by Kenneth Feld, featuring Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy, Pluto and other Disney characters. World class and Olympic skaters. Ends this week.
Wembley Arena, Middlesex (01-902 1234).

EISTENSTEIN AT 90: Drawings and compositions showing how much film-maker relied on drawing as a diary and chart of his life. Also drawings and designs for sets ans costumes of his productions. Ends at Oxford before coming to London. Ends Sun.
Oxford Museum of Modern Art, Pembroke Street, Oxford (0865 722733).

YOUNG UNKNOWNS: Mixed show of works by Klaus Freserius, Philippa Haines, Francesca King, Zara Matthews and Ilona Medvedeva. Also Art For You show by amateur and professional artists, on A4 paper. Ends SAT.
82 The Cut, London SE1 (01-928 3415).

BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly Premium Bond prize draw are: £100,000: 11WK 751369 (the winner lives in Maidstone, Kent); £50,000 20WF 325139 (Gateshead); £25,000 3NP 137505 (Sheffield).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Greta Carslaw; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

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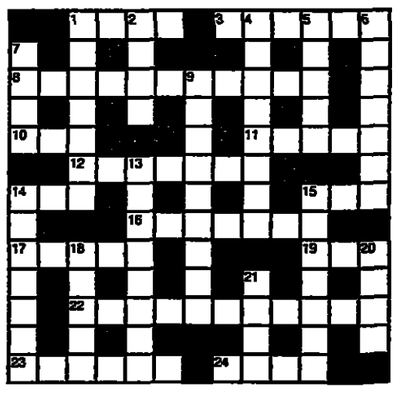
BISHOP'S WORT
(b) Betony, *Stachys officinalis* from the Old English *biscopwyrt*; the famous, medico-magical herb of antiquity, recommended against 47 diseases including witchcraft and evil thoughts, taken to be the *kestros* of Dioscorides, the Latin *betonica*.

AIT-SKEITER
(c) *Angelica sylvestris*, known as the "oat-shooter" by children who use its hollow stems as blow-pipes to shoot oats at each other; the tall umbellifer with pink and purple stems on the roadsides just now, with umbels that look as though they had been dipped in claret.

LADY'S PINCUSHION
(a) The Thrift or Sea Pink, *Armeria maritima*, the prolific ornament of sea cliffs and islands such as the Scillies, so that you feel you are walking on foam rubber that has squirted into flower, used as a border for garden beds and banks since the 16th century.

BACON AND EGGS
(a) Toadflax, *Linaria vulgaris*, given double names because of the twin colours, yellow and orange, in its flower. It is so named in both Latin and English because it is not unlike flax until its flowers develop, and is a common weed in flax. If you let it into your garden, it spreads inexpungibly, every quarter-inch of root breeding a new plant.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1648



ACROSS

1 Empty (4)
3 Inn stableman (6)
8 Precedence (11)
10 For every (3)
11 Indian man's title (5)
12 Unyielding (7)
14 Vote against (3)
15 Second additional note (1,1,1)
16 Experience (7)
17 Seed coat (5)
19 Large tea vessel (3)
22 Middle classes (11)
23 French thick soup (6)
24 Signify (4)

DOWN

1 Old soldier (7)
2 Peruvian Indian (4)
4 Ominous (8)
5 Bloodsucker (5)
6 Oblique-angled parallelogram (7)
7 Pervert (4)
9 Requiring great skill (9)
13 Diver's breathing set (8)
14 Deal with backlog (5,2)
15 Young chicken (7)
18 Heavy wooden shoe (5)
20 Christmas (4)
21 Only (4)

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax.
6.35 Leon Errol in *Chinatown Chump (b/w).*
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Kirsty Wark and Pamela Armstrong. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27.**
8.35 **Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars** (b/w). Episode seven of the 15-part classic sci-fi serial. **8.55** Regional News and weather.
9.00 **News** and weather.
9.05 **But First This!** begins with **The Pink Panther Show** (r). **9.20 Why Don't You . . . ?** Entertaining ideas for young people at a loose end. **9.50 Laurel and Hardy** (r). **10.00 News** and weather, followed by **The Littlest Hobo** (r). **10.30 Play School** (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven.**
11.00 **News** and weather, followed by **The Fighting Devil Dogs** (b/w). Part five finds Tom and Frank in deep water. **11.30 The Flintstones** (r).
12.00 **News** and weather, followed by **The Garden Party** which includes David Cranston of Gleneagles talking to Glyn Christian about food. **12.55** Regional News and weather.
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. Weather.
1.30 **Neighbours.** Can Henry explain to Dennis why he lost his shirt in Chris's bedroom?
1.50 **A Secret Place.** Joseph O'Conor and Simon King star in a wartime story of a childhood spent in the countryside (r).
2.50 **Bazaar.** Time and money saving tips including two days' worth of meals for £5.40 and a taste test on home brewed beer.
3.20 **The People's Court.** Judge Wapner gives a decision on two cases including a woman who wants to reclaim her subscription fee to a dating agency because one of its male employees makes a lewd proposition to her.
3.45 **Valerie.** American sitcom starring Valerie Harper (r).
4.10 **Children's BBC** introduced by Simon Parkin and starting with Heathcliff and Co. Two alley-cat tales (r). **4.35 Galloping Galaxies!** (r) **5.00 Newsround.**
5.05 **Treasure Houses.** In the last of the series Mark Curry visits Queen Victoria's holiday home on the Isle of Wight (r).
5.35 **Neighbours.** (r).
6.00 **Six O'Clock News.** Weather.
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **Wogan.** With guests boxer Frank Bruno, singer/actress Toyah Willcox, and musical entertainment from Climie Fisher.
7.30 **Trackside Storey.** The last programme in the series features competition day when Allan Wells, Sharon Hutchings, John Ridgeon and Tessa Sanderson encourage competitors in four events. (Ceefax).
8.00 **Terry and June.** Terry Scott and June Whitfield as the middle-aged couple who discover they've won a fortune with a premium bond, and gained a lot of friends (r) (Ceefax).
8.30 **Ever Decreasing Circles.** Sitcom about an ordinary married couple and their next door neighbours. Starring Richard Briers, Penelope Wilton and Peter Egan (r) (Ceefax).
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News.** Regional News and weather.
9.30 **Byline.** *(Ceefax) (see Choice).*
10.10 **Miami Vice.** The style-conscious cops try to help an undercover agent when his relationship with a young prostitute is discovered (Ceefax).
11.00 **The Golden Oldie Picture Show.** Hit records from the past accompanied by specially-commissioned videos (r).
11.25 **After Adlard Coles.** Using Adlard Coles's 1933 navigation guidebook for amateurs, Paul Heiney sets sail on a voyage of discovery in the Solent.
11.55 Weather, close.

BBC2

6.55 **Open University.** Ends **7.20am. 9.00 Ceefax. 12.30 Open University Showcase.**
1.20 **Pinny's House** (r). **1.25 Bric-a-Brac** (r). **1.35 Ceefax**
2.00 **News** and weather, followed by **Songs of Praise** (r).
2.35 **Exploring Photography.** Bryn Campbell focuses on the image in the last of six programmes about still photography (r).
3.00 **News** and weather, followed by ***One Man and His Dog.*** Demonstrating skill and harmony are teams from Scotland, Ireland, Wales and England (r).
3.50 News and weather, followed by regional news and weather.
4.00 **Dr Kildare.** First of a vintage four-part medical drama starring Richard Chamberlain (r).
4.25 **Oddie in Paradise.** Bill Oddie explores the River Bensbach in Papua New Guinea (r).
4.50 **Film: Charlie Chan in Shanghai** (1935) (b/w). Warner Oland stars as the inscrutable detective who investigates murder and kidnapping in the land of his illustrious ancestors. Directed by James Tinling.
6.00 **Atlantic at 40.** Footage of the concert to celebrate Atlantic Record's 40th birthday includes the Coasters, Rufus Thomas and Ben E. King (r).
6.30 **Rough Guide to Europe.** The last of the series returns home to London with a look at the Chelsea Cruise, the House of Commons and the best of the capital's entertainment.
7.25 **Cartoon.**
7.30 **Façade.** *Pamela Hunter's* production of the piece by Edith Sitwell and William Walton performed by the Nash Ensemble conducted by Jim Parker (r).
8.30 **Wildlife Showcase.** Roger Whittaker with a birds eye view of the Australian Kookaburra (Ceefax).
9.00 **Film: This Child is Mine** (1985). Made-for-television drama about a couple's attempts to adopt a young girl's baby. Starring Lindsay Wagner and Chris Sarandon. David Greene directs.
10.35 **Newsnight. 11.20** Weatherview. **11.25** Interval.
11.30 **Open University.** Ends **12.00am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am beginning with **The Morning Programme** introduced by Richard Keys **7.00 Good Morning Britain** presented by Mike Morris and Richard Keys including the first of a three-part interview with *Rambo* star, Sylvester Stallone. **8.50 Wacaday,** for the young, with Timmy Mallett.
9.25 **Thames** news and weather.
9.30 **What's My Line?** Odd occupations panel game introduced by Angela Rippon.
10.00 **Plastic Man.** New animated adventure series. **10.25 News Headlines 10.30 Stingray** (r)
11.00 **Daffy Duck** (r). **11.10 Let's Pretend** (r). **11.25 Thames News** and weather. **11.30 Baby & Co.** Miriam Stoppard investigates behavioural changes that indicate a child could be under stress (r).
12.00 **Survival.** Film of the effects of heavy rains following a severe drought in Etosha National Park in Southern Africa (r).
12.30 **The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the Forbes.
1.00 **News at One** with John Suchet.
1.20 **Thames News** and weather.
1.30 **Film: Arrows of Robin Hood** (1978). Russian version of the very English folk legend about the Sherwood Forest outlaw. Directed by Sergei Tarassov.
3.00 **Vetwatch.** A London vet at *work in his surgery.*
3.25 **Thames News** and weather.
3.30 **The Young Doctors.** Australian hospital drama series.
4.00 **Tickle on the Tum. 4.10 Rub a Dub Dub** (r). **4.20 Young Krypton** (Oracle). **4.45 Dramarama.**
5.15 **Give Us a Clue.** Celebrity charades game hosted by Michael Aspel (r).
5.45 **News** with Fiona Armstrong.
6.00 **Thames News** and weather.
6.30 **Another Side of London.** Fran Miller's first-ever documentary about how the lives of three Londoners have changed since their retirement.
7.00 **In Search of Wildlife.** The artist David Shepherd visits Gainesville, Florida, the heart of alligator country, to discover what is being done to protect them from the illegal trade in their skins (Oracle).
7.30 **Coronation Street.** (Oracle).
8.00 **Home James!** When the family spends the weekend in the country with some important Japanese guests, chauffeur Jim London discovers rural living is not to his liking (r).
8.30 **Power in the Land.** (see Choice).
9.00 **Film: The Long Good Friday** (1979). TV-version of the East End crime film that brought Bob Hoskins to the public's attention. Tough Cockney gangster Harold Shand tries to hold his empire together and finalize a deal with the American mafia despite a spate of mysterious bombings and murders which threaten to wipe his operation out. With Helen Mirren. Directed by John Mackenzie. Continues after the news.
10.00 **News at Ten** with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes. **10.30 Thames** News and weather.
10.35 **Film: The Long Good Friday** (contd).
11.40 **Auf Wiedersehen, Pet.** The Geordie brickies make a trip back to Newcastle (r).
12.40 **World Chess Championship.** Nigel Short versus Jon Speelman *in the quarter final games.*
1.00 **Sportsworld Extra.** Coverage of the Carrolls Irish Open Golf Tournament.
2.00 **News** followed by **Film: Titanic** (1953) (b/w). Forerunner of the Seventies' disaster movies centres on the passengers on the ill-fated liner. With Clifton Webb, Barbara Stanwyck and Robert Wagner. Directed by Jean Negulesco.
4.00 **News** followed by **60 Minutes.** Reports and interviews from America.
5.00 **ITN Morning News** with David Cass.

CHANNEL 4

12.00 **Just 4 Fun.**
12.30 **Business Daily.**
1.00 **Sesame Street.**
2.00 **Film: Because of Him** (1946) (b/w). Romantic comedy with Deanna Durbin as a star-struck waitress who uses an autograph to get the lead in a new show. Directed by Richard Wallace.
3.40 **Black Forest Clinic.** European soap about a small hospital in *south-west Germany.*
4.30 **Countdown.**
5.00 **The Munsters** (b/w). Monstrous comedy when the ghoulish family inherit $10,000 from a Transylvanian relative.
5.30 **Held in Trust.** Diana Rigg visits National Trust properties near the River Tay (r) (Oracle).
6.00 **Pieced Pictures.** Second in the three-part series that examines the craft of quilting talks to the new-style designers (r) (Oracle).
6.30 **A Vote of No Confidence.** Discussion about what can be done to combat the mistrust felt by many young people towards parliamentary politics, parties and politicians. (Oracle).
7.00 **Channel 4 News.**
7.50 **Comment,** followed by weather.
8.00 **Brookside.** There's a complaint over Operation Hickory; and Jonathan goes in search of Cheryl (Oracle).
8.30 **The Buddy System** (1983). Made-for-television romantic comedy with Richard Dreyfuss as a struggling writer whose part-time job results in a friendship *with an 11-year-old boy who* insists he meets his single-parent mother (Susan Sarandon). Directed by Glenn Jordan.
10.30 **Go Fishing.** Angler John Wilson casts his line in the swirling waters of a Norfolk weirpool (Oracle) (r) .
11.05 **The Eleventh Hour: Shoot and Cry.** Two young men, an Israeli about to begin his military service, and a Palestinian who works illegally in Israel, confront each other with their views about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the significance of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
12.05 **Network 7.** (r). Ends **2.05am.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES:** 6.35pm-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** News, followed by Neighbours **11.55-12.00am** News of Wales. Close **SCOTLAND:** 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 5.35pm Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35** Neighbours **6.58-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **ENGLAND:** 6.35pm-7.00 Regional News Magazines.

ANGLIA As London except: **12.00pm-12.30** Daredevil Women **1.20** Anglia News and Weather **1.30-2.25** The Mafia Story **6.00** About Anglia **6.30-7.00** Anything Goes **11.40** V **12.35am** Video Sounds **1.00** Sportsworld Extra **2.00** Film: Ghost Story **4.00** Taxi **4.30-5.00** Farming Diary.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** Border News **1.30** Home Cookery Club **1.35** Film: The Patricia Neal Story **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Lookaround Monday **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **11.40** America's Top 10 **12.10** Border Weather. Close.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.00pm** Gardening Time **12.30** Home Cookery Club **12.35-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** Central News **1.30** Film: What's Good For the Goose **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Central News **6.35-7.00** Heart of the Country **11.40** Starting Out **12.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H **1.05am** Sportsworld **2.05-5.00** Film: The Last Bastion.

CHANNEL As London except: **12.00pm-12.30** Dining in France **1.20** Channel Lunchtime News **1.30** Summer Switch **2.30** Take the High Road **3.00-3.30** Chain Letters **5.00** Channel Report followed by The French Window **6.30-7.00** *Country Ways* **12.40am** International Golf **1.40** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **2.40** Company **2.45** I Spy **3.45** Beyond 2000 **4.35-5.00** Fifty Years On.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **9.25am-9.30** First Thing **12.00pm** Children — Helping Hands **1.20** Grampian Headlines **1.30** Planning the Small Garden **1.35-3.25** Film: The Card **5.00** North Tonight **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **11.40** Extra Dimensions **12.45** Close.

GRANADA As London except: **12.00-12.30** Dining in France **1.20** Granada Reports **1.30** Film: The Next of Kin **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** The Spectacular World of the Guinness *Book of Records* **11.40** *Prisoner Cell Block H* **12.40** Witchfinder General **2.15** Sports Action: American College Basketball **3.15** Rex Mary **3.45** European Top 40 **4.45** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: **12.00pm-12.20** A Palace for the People **1.20** HTV News **1.30** Film: Campbell's Kingdom **5.00-7.00** HTV News **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.35am** 1st Exposure **1.00** Sportsworld Extra **2.00** P.O.V. **3.30** The Longest River **4.00am** For the Honor of Their Country **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00-7.00pm** Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: **9.25am-9.30** On Air **12.00pm** Gardening Time **12.30-1.00** Short Story Theatre **1.20** Scottish News **1.30** Film: Pardon *Mon Affaire* **3.30-4.00** Sealab 2020 **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Connections **8.00-10.00** Magnum **10.35** Tribute to Hugh Macdiarmid **11.35** Recollections Between the Wars **12.25am** A Drunk Man Looks at the Thistle **2.15** In Verse.

TSW As London except: **12.00pm** Mr Merlin **12.30-1.00** A Country Practice **1.20** Today News and Weather **1.30-3.25** Film: Fathom **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Jack Thompson Down Under **11.40** *America's Top 10* **12.10am** Stress **12.40am** Postscript, Weather and Closedown.

TVS As London except: **12.00pm-12.30** Dining in France **1.20** TVS News and Weather **1.30** Summer Switch **2.30** Take the High Road **3.00-3.30** Chain Letters **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **11.40** Auf Wiedersehen Pet **12.40am** International Golf **1.40** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **2.40** Company **2.45** I Spy **3.45** Beyond 2000 **4.40-5.00** 50 Years On.

TYNE TEES As London except: **12.00pm-12.30** An Invitation to Remember **1.20** Regional News **1.25** Lookaround **1.30-3.25** Film: Guns at Batasi **5.00-7.00** Northern Life **11.40** Starting Out **12.10am** Inner Space **12.20-5.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Gardening Time **1.20** Ulster Newstime **1.30-3.25** Film: For the Love of Ben **5.00** Summer Edition **6.15** Which Way Now? **6.30-7.00** Mr Merlin **11.40** European PGA Golf **12.40am** Ulster Newstime.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.00pm** For the Honour of Their Country **12.30-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** Calendar News **1.25** Help Yourself **1.30** Film: Passionate Summer **3.30-4.00** *Sons and Daughters* **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Seeing Stars **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.30am** Film: 1919 **2.10** Night Gallery **2.30** Throb **3.00** Music Box **4.00-5.00** Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: **10.15** Film: An American Romance **12.00** Countdown **12.30** Business Daily **1.00** Sesame Street **2.00** Film: The Blue Bird **3.25** Black Forest Clinic **4.15** Llunau Dyd Llun **4.30** Tocyn Tramor **5.00** The Munsters **5.30** Ourselves and Other Animals **6.00** Opening Up the Family Album **6.30** Up and Coming **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Frongoch **8.00** Am Y Bocad **8.30** Credaf **9.00** Golff **10.00** Franz Beckenbauer: The Reign of the Kaiser **11.05** The Eleventh Hour **12.05** Network **7 2.05** Diwedd.

RTE 1 Starts: **3.55** News Headlines followed by BOSCO **4.25** The Smurfs **4.50** Born Free **5.45** News **6.00** The Angerus **6.01** Newstime **6.30** Ourselves and Other Animals **6.58** The Irish MP **8.00** Ford **9.00** News **9.30** Buck James **10.15** Generations **11.45** Slap Maxwell **11.10** Late News, Close.

RTE 2 Starts: **5.00** Emmerdale Farm **5.30** The Sunday Game **6.30** A Country Practice **7.00** The Nature of Things **7.30** Coronation Street **8.00** Nuacht **8.05** The Index Has Gone Fishing **9.05** Film: The Honey Pot **11.25** News Headlines followed by *Nightlight.* Close.

End of the salad days

TELEVISION CHOICE



Revelations on the farm: Philip Wynn, a top manager, is one of the changing faces of rural Britain (ITV, 8.30pm)

● **Power in the Land: No Man's Land** (ITV, 8.30pm) looks at the changing face of British farmland in East Anglia, where agriculture is now a fiercely competitive business rather than a way of life. One man describes himself not as a farmer but as being "deeply into the food business". To satisfy the demands of the supermarkets, short cuts are taken by many. "I don't think people who eat these salads know what pressure goes into them," moans one packer. Quite right too. Dangerous pesticides, soil erosion, and wide use of cheap black market labour are just part of the history of your pre-packed supermarket salad. Farm managers shrug apologetically and suggest that it is the supermarkets which have put the skids under them. It is left to a struggling agricultural worker to invest the proceedings with a bit of dignity. Farming against nature is a phrase that sticks in the mind. Farming of the future will have nothing to do with the barnyard: cloned meat is on its way, and genetic engineering has already produced a hybrid of a goat and a sheep. It looks like something from the Book of Revelations.

● In the last episode of **Byline** (BBC1, 9.30pm), the sports writer Frank Keating objects to something called corporate hospitality (better known as freeloading), which is encroaching on his sporting patch. This tarted-up version of the company outing (management and clients only, and anything from £230-£550 a head) can be found in ruched marquees at Ascot, Lords, Wimbledon or Henley. *Rent-a-tent is big business* (turnover £500 million) and the corporate entertainment explosion is full of fat wallets and plausible well-dressed middle-men with a line in euphemism. It is reluctantly admitted, sort of, that a lot of client servicing (such as tickets to Wimbledon) depends on access to touts. This "entertaining situation" in fact looks about as much fun as a season *in hell.* At first, Keating's beefs — that these people don't give a fig for sport and prevent the real fan from gaining access — appear those of a grumpy man resentful of *nouveau* yobs lowering the tone. But gradually, as he loses his temper, his argument becomes clear: these people and their attitudes are indications of how life has changed for the worse, not only in sport. Jumping the *queue, treading on the little* man are now to be openly bragged about. Bang the bell, Jack, I'm on the bus.

Chris Petit

Drawing a conclusion

RADIO CHOICE

● **I Am a Pickpocket** (Radio 3, 7.05pm) is a title that is unworthy of the programme to which it has been fixed. It does not capture the essence either of the programme itself — an interview with Henri Cartier-Bresson — or of the man who, 15 years ago, exchanged his famous camera for a pencil and sketch-pad. It is a catchpenny title, derived from the moment in the interview when Cartier-Bresson says that taking a photograph is not unlike the act of stealing. They might just as well have called the programme *I am A Tightrope Walker,* because the high wire is another simile that crops up and, like the pickpocket analogy, is no more than an aside. And they could equally well have settled for *I Am a Wildlife Hunter* because that, at least, is something Cartier-Bresson used to do when he was in Africa. Fortunately, interviewer Julian Spalding does not let Cartier-Bresson dwell too long in metaphorical territory but succeeds in getting him to concentrate on what separates photography from drawing and what, if anything, the two have in common. At one point, they get round to what lies beyond the reality of things. There is mention of "imaginative elegance". Spalding presses Cartier-Bresson to define it. "Can we ask my cat to come in?" asks Cartier-Bresson, tongue in cheek, but appositely. "When he jumps, he knows how to fall."

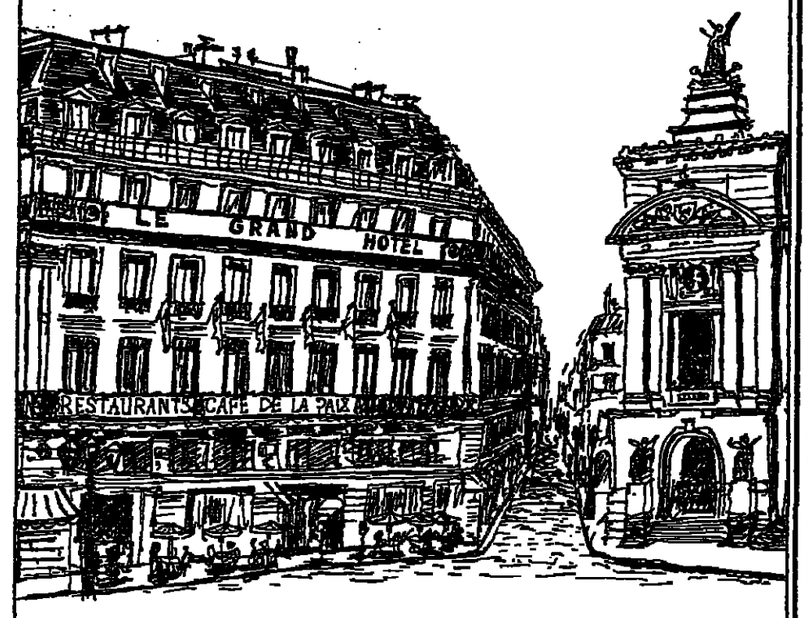


Cartier-Bresson: a lesson from the cat (R3, 7.05pm)

● **The Women of Southover Sands** (Radio 4, 8.15pm) is an exceedingly weird play about a priest who is called to account by three sisters for his sexually correct behaviour when he was younger. The prelate who tells him, "Two naked women, and a father with a shotgun! You *do* seem to have an unfortunate effect on the women of Southover Sands!", understands the power of understatement all right. He also hits the nail smack on the head when he says that it would all make a good plot for an Italian opera.

Peter Davalle

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Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below)
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **11.00** The Radio 1 Roadshow with Peter Powell **12.30** Newsbeat (Sybil Ruscoe) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Liz Kershaw **10.00-12.00** John Peel **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2 **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** as Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** as Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
4.00 Bill Rennells **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** Cliff Morgan **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and **7.30** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Marian McPartland **10.00** Digance Does It . . . Locally **10.30** Hollywood's Oscar Nights **11.00** Brian Matthew with Round Midnight **1.00** Alan Dedicoat with Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. **6.00** World Newsdesk **6.30** The Stuarts **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** The Cross and the Crescent **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Where Angels Fear to Tread **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** Good Books **9.30** Financial World News **9.36** Sports Roundup **9.45** Peebles' Choice **10.00** World News Summary **10.01** The Stuarts **10.30** Londres Mkt **11.00** World News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** Health Matters **11.30** Ken Bruce Show **12.00** Radio World Newsreel **12.15** Brain of Britain 1988 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Anything Goes **2.00** Outlook **2.45** The Third Policeman **3.00** Radio World Newsreel **3.15** The Stuarts **3.45** English Songsmiths **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** Reute Aktuell **6.00** Programmes in German **7.00** Outlook **7.39** Stock Market Report **7.45** Peebles' Choice **8.000** World News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Sports International **9.00** World News Summary **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Seven Ages of Shakespeare **9.30** Vintage Chart Show **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.30** Financial World News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Three Wishes **11.30** Multitrack 1 **12.00** World News **12.09** World News About Britain **12.15** Radio World Newsreel **12.30** Beethoven **1.00** World News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Short Story **1.45** The Seven Ages of Shakespeare **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Sports International **3.00** World News **3.09** World News about Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight World News **3.35** Financial World News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News and 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Purcell (Suite: The Virtuous Wife: Parley of Instruments under Peter Holman), Sammartini (Quintet No 3 in G: Ensemble 415), Schubert (Sonata in A minor, Arpeggione: Mstislav Rostropovich, cello, and Benjamin Britten, piano), Bridge (Suite: The Sea: Ulster Orchestra under Vernon Handley)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Dvorak (1841-1904): The Last Czech Years. Bavarian RSO under Rafael Kubelik plays Symphonic Poem: The Water Goblin, Op 107, and Vlach Quartet plays String Quartet in G, Op 106
9.35 Music for Flute and Piano: James Dower and John Lenehan play York Bowen (Sonata, Op 120) and Arnold Bax (Four Pieces)
10.05 Weddings and Workshops: Munich CO under Hans Stadlmair, with Jan Engel (bagpipe) and Max Engel (hurdy gurdy) play Leopold Mozart (Symphony in D — Peasant Wedding) and Munich Wind Soloists' Academy under Wolfgang Sawallisch play Strauss (Symphony in E flat, for 16 wind instruments; Happy Workshop)
11.05 Reynaldo Hahn: Daniel Adni (piano) plays Waltzes No 1, 3, 9, 4, 6, 10 and 8; Paysage; La Promenade; Les Jeunes Lauriers (Marche militaire) (r)
11.40 Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra under Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos, with Manuel Cid (tenor), Carlos Chausson (baritone), Felix Sola (treble) and Matt Harmovitz (cello) plays Falla (El retablo de maese Pedro), Lalo (Cello Concerto in D minor) and Stravinsky (Suite: The Firebird, 1919)
1.05 Haydn and Beethoven Quartets on Period Instruments: Salomon Quartet (Simon Standage, violin, Micaela Comberti, violin, Trevor Jones, viola, and Jennifer Ward-Clarke, cello) plays Haydn (Quartet in D, Op 20 No 4) and Beethoven (Quartet in A, Op 18 No 5) (5 of 6)
2.10 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, under Edward Downes and led by Dennis Simons, plays Debussy (Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune) and Tippett (Symphony No 1)
3.00 Ravel: Kun Woo Paik (piano) plays Pavanne pour une infante défunte, La Tombeau de Couperin and Valses nobles et sentimentales (r)
3.55 Youth Orchestras of the World: Juenesses Musicales World Orchestra, under Grant Llewellyn, with Brigitte Balleys (contralto), Wolfgang Holzmair (baritone), Angelica Domröse (narrator) and Hilmar Thate (narrator), plays Blacher/Dessau/-Hartmann/Henze/Wagner-Régeny (Jewish Chronicle) and Beethoven (Symphony No 5 in C minor)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Michael Berkeley presents music inspired by the visual arts
6.25 Music for Organ: Gerard Gillen plays Du Mage (Livre d'orgue) and Vivaldi, arr Bach (Concerto in A minor) in the Church of St John the Baptist, Tralee, County Kerry
7.00 News
7.05 I Am a Pickpocket: Henri Cartier-Bresson, the French photographer who 15 years ago abandoned his camera and returned to painting and drawing, in a rare interview explains what is takes to be a photographer and the difference between the camera and the pencil (See Choice)
7.30 Proms 88: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, under Vladimir Ashkenazy and led by Barry Griffiths, plays Strauss (Dance of the Seven Veils from Salome, and Metamorphosen, for 23 solo strings **8.10** Byron in Switzerland, read by Paul Shelley **8.30** Tchaikovsky (Manfred Symphony). Live from the Royal Albert Hall, London
9.30 Music of the Royal Courts: In a complete Mugam performance, an ensemble from the Xinjiang region of the People's Republic of China plays the music of the Uighur people and of their court on the famous Silk Road
10.25 Stockhausen (born August 22, 1926): South West German Radio Symphony Orchestra under Ernest Bour plays *Trans in a* recording of the first performance, given in 1971
11.00 Composers of the Week: Fanny Hensel (1805-47) and Clara Schumann (1819-96): F. Hensel (Goethe settings: Wanderlied, Op 1 No 2; Erwin, Op 7 No 2; Lieder, Op 9) and C. Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor, Op 7; Three Romances, Op 21) (r)
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.0, 8.0** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day
8.35 The Week on 4
8.42 Behind the Wall: *In Mao Zedong's Bed,* written by Colin Thubron (9 of 12) (s) **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Modest Proposals: Discussion about leadership chaired by Matthew Parris with Paul Barker, Jeff Nuttall and guests (5 of 7) (s)
10.00 News; A Small Country Living: Jeanine McMullen with a host of tales and experiences of life in rural Britain today (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Romancing the Rock by Greg Snow
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Travel: Down the River Tay: Cliff Morgan travels along the River Tay, Scotland's longest river, meeting the people who live and work along its banks. He encounters a Highland bull, visits Dunkeld Cathedral, enjoys the fiddle music and learns how a salmon is tagged and tracked (r)
11.50 Poetry Please! Listeners' requests presented by Nigel Forde (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours with Debbie Thrower: A report *on the Training* Commission, formerly the Manpower Services Commission. Listeners will be invited to phone in with their comments after the programme
12.25 My Word! Michael O'Donnell chairs a light-hearted panel game with Dilys Powell and Frank Muir challenging Victoria Glendinning and Denis Norden (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour
3.00 News; Summercrime: Inspector French and the Starvel Tragedy, by Freeman Wills Crofts, with Edward de Souza and Jonathan Tafler (s) (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast; Weather
6.00 Six O'clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Radio Fun: In the story of radio comedy, Russell Davies examines the humour born of the pressures and privations of the Second World War (4 of 12) (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Wilko's Weekly: Tony Wilkinson visits six local newspapers, this time *The Leeds Other Paper,* still championing the underdog (4) (r)
7.45 Science Now: The latest scientific discoveries from the world's leading laboratories
8.15 The Women of Southover Sands: Play by Frederick Bradnum with Sarah Badel, Zelah Clarke, Jane Campion and Jonathan Oliver (s) (See Choice)
9.30 Hollywood Takes The Air: Garry Jones talks to actors including Richard Dreyfuss, Stacy Keach and Michael York about their experiences making two radio dramas, *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller and *Are You Now or Have You Ever Been,* a drama documentary by Eric Bentley, both to be broadcast next week (s)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Reviews of *Rambo III* and the new John Adams Opera, *Nixon in China,* which premieres at Edinburgh this week; and a look at a controversial new building, the Truro law *courts*
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: *The Countrywoman* by Paul Smith (11 of 12) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Continental Cabaret Chansons sung in French, Spanish and German. Songs of Protest with Lys Gauty, Marianne Oswald, Edith Piaf, Blandine Ebinger, Mani Matter, Boris Vian, Gisela May and Grigons Brnikotsis (5 of 8)
12.00-12.30 News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10am** Open University: **11.30** Open Forum **11.50** Adam Smith and the American Colonies

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Poll lift lets Bush escape draft 'frenzy'

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Vice-President George Bush, buoyed by a new poll showing him surging ahead of his Democratic rival in the presidential race for the first time, angrily dismissed the "frenzy" over his running mate's Vietnam-era military record as he officially launched his campaign at the weekend.

He campaigned through Ohio with Senator Dan Quayle at his side, and appeared unusually confident and upbeat in the aftermath of his much-praised speech to the final day of the Republican national convention last week.

He called the uproar over Mr Quayle "a tempest in a teapot". At one campaign stop in the senator's home state of Indiana, a crowd of supporters booed the press when they asked questions about his National Guard service.

But in Ohio he was jeered by a small group of hecklers. "Who went in your place, Danny?" one shouted. Another held up a sign saying: "Quayle: '69 chicken, '88 hawk".

Mr Quayle has abruptly changed tactics in dealing with questions about his military record.

When he was first tackled last week he was dismissive, haughty and taciturn. Now he answers questions at length and has promised to produce an early detailed account of how he got into the National Guard, together with the entire record of his six years as a part-time soldier.

Republican campaign managers believe they can ride out the controversy, a view reinforced by a *Newsweek* poll to be published today showing Mr Bush ahead of Governor Michael Dukakis by 51 per cent to 42 per cent.

Mr Bush was seven points behind his rival in a similar *Newsweek* poll two weeks ago.

The latest poll showed the two candidates receiving equal support among women voters, who had previously favoured Mr Dukakis by a wide margin.

The survey, taken last Thursday and Friday, must be regarded with a degree of scepticism as the Vice-President is benefiting from a short-term "bounce" after last week's national convention in New Orleans.

The poll also showed that 13 per cent of those surveyed said their opinion of Senator Quayle was less favourable because of his military record; 22 per cent thought less of him because he had apparently used family influence to join the service.

The Bush campaign has launched an intensive damage control effort over recent days, and has dealt successfully with some aspects of the controversy, particularly in countering the suggestion that joining the National Guard in 1969 was somehow cowardly or unpatriotic.

Given the mood of the country in the late 1960s, when many young men of Mr Quayle's generation faked illnesses or homosexuality, or fled to Canada, the choice to join the National Guard seems to have been reasonable.

But difficult questions remain. Was the senator forthcoming when interviewed by Mr Robert Kimmitt, the lawyer appointed to investigate potential vice-presidential nominees? Mr Robert Teeter, senior adviser to Mr Bush, said Mr Quayle had been asked by Mr Kimmitt whether "undue influence" had been exerted to get him into the National Guard so he would not have to go to Vietnam. According to Mr Teeter, the senator replied: "No."

That reply now appears to have been untrue. Mr James Baker, the Bush campaign manager, said Mr Quayle's powerful family had helped.

Face-to-face at carnival preview



A young American tourist inspecting closely an ornate mask destined for next week's Notting Hill Carnival. The Alternative Carnival Club Flamingo paraded its Notting Hill costumes at Covent Garden yesterday.

Security review after IRA massacre

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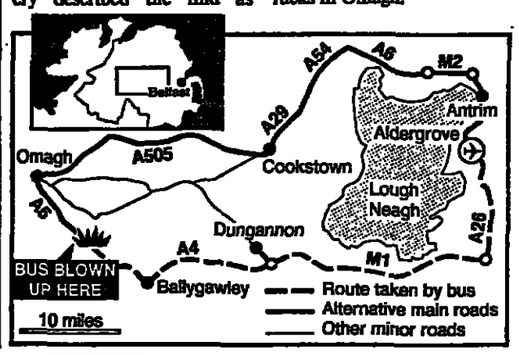
with Semtex — the same type of explosive used in the A5 blast.

Semtex is a brown moulded explosive similar to the military plastic explosive used by the British Army.

Five pounds of the material is capable of demolishing a car and the 200lbs detonated at the side of the A5 represented "a horrific amount of explosive", an Army spokesman said.

An Irish police officer investigating the mortar discovery described the find as "significant". The weapons were uncovered in a coal bunker on a 50-acre farm near Kilcock, Co Meath. Police said it was one of the biggest finds "for some time" in the Republic.

In London and Belfast, meanwhile, there was serious concern that the IRA was able to place a bomb beside the A5 — not in a car as was initially reported — probably within an hour or so of the expected passing of the unmarked 53-seat Army coach taking 39 soldiers of the Light Infantry from Aldergrove to their barracks in Omagh.



Roads used by the military are regularly subjected to "route clearances", when soldiers hunt for hidden explosives. However, Semtex, which has been handed over to the IRA in large quantities by the Libyans, is very difficult to detect.

Army sources said yesterday that the possibility of a mole inside the Army tipping off the IRA about the bus had been virtually dismissed. It was more likely that the Light Infantry members, dressed in civilian clothes, had been spotted at the airport at Aldergrove.

Intelligence sources also emphasized that the IRA often spent weeks planning a bombing operation. Sometimes terrorists concealed the wiring for explosives at a site chosen for a future attack and watched for several weeks to see if it was discovered. The explosives and detonating device would be attached only when the IRA was sure it was safe.

The IRA may have watched the movements of unmarked Army coaches and noted the routes regularly taken from Aldergrove. The A5 is one of only two practical routes from Aldergrove to Omagh. The other takes vehicles through Toomebridge, regarded as one of the strongest areas of IRA support.

Anyone observing the way the coach turned after leaving the airport would know with a fair amount of certainty which route it was following.

The victims of the Omagh bus bomb had arrived on regular shuttle services to Belfast Airport at Aldergrove on Friday, where they were picked up by the unmarked coach for the 60-mile journey at about 11pm.

The risks of transporting troops by coach are being examined in the present security review. The Omagh coach was driven, operated and maintained full time by the Army but was hired from a private company.

Ironically, the very fact that such coaches bear no company markings is one way of identifying Army transport in Northern Ireland. It is no secret, either, that mini-buses used to pick up smaller groups of soldiers are similarly unmarked and usually painted blue.

All-day opening starts

Labour attacks drinks profits

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The Labour Party yesterday accused brewers of "rampant profiteering" in the sale of low-alcohol drinks as publicans prepared for the start today of all-day drinking in England and Wales.

Mr Bryan Gould, Shadow trade and industry secretary, said it was a national disgrace that low-alcohol beers cost at least as much as full-strength alternatives.

"The Government must act to stop this rampant profiteering by the brewers who are quietly helping themselves to a substantial proportion of the price which would go in duty on a full strength pint", he said.

In a letter to Mr Tony Newton, the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Mr Gould said: "Duty is not payable on these (low-alcohol) products. Surely this benefit should be passed on to the customer?".

A spokesman for the Brewers' Society said Mr Gould's allegations were "without foundation".

"To produce these beers a second and sometimes complex process is necessary after brewing to remove alcohol and to stabilize the beers so they have a shelf life," he said.

With the start of extended hours a survey of pub landlords has revealed that they expect no additional violence or drunkenness.

Almost one third said they expected less drunkenness and nearly a fifth foresaw less violence.

However, less than half the publicans planned to open for the longer hours. According to the survey, commissioned by Haig Whisky, two thirds have welcomed the changes, but only 49 per cent said they were likely to open for the full 12 hours, six days a week.

The survey compared the expectations of landlords in England and Wales with the Scottish experience where longer licensing hours were introduced in 1976.

Drunkenness had fallen dramatically, according to landlords in Scotland — 55 per cent reported a reduction and only 4 per cent thought it had increased. Violence had also dropped according to 23 per cent of landlords.

● **Young abstainers:** In spite of concern about drinking among young people, the number of abstainers in the 18 to 34 age group has risen by a third of a million in the last eight years, according to a report by Ansvar Insurance.

Stringent drink-driving laws are the single biggest factor influencing the growing ranks of young non-drinkers, who now number 1.2 million, or 8 per cent of the population.

The survey of 20,000 people who had reduced or cut down their alcohol intake in the past two years, showed abstinence was seen as part of a trend towards healthy living.

Coe may be given Seoul invitation

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Murray via the British Olympic Association.

Gosper said yesterday from Melbourne: "There must be some scope for the IOC to ponder this matter. The Olympic Games are for athletes.

"Coe stands out on so many fronts and I am concerned at his elimination. He boldly led the philosophic discussion on drugs in 1981 in Baden-Baden. He was ill at the time of the British trials, and it is surprising options were not left open.

"For his Olympic performances he deserves special condiseration. My judgement is based on what the Olympics owe to him."

Samaranch, who is on a few days' holiday in Spain, said yesterday there were a number of steps that had to be taken before any invitation to Coe could be considered. "I am no more than the co-ordinator of other people's wishes," he said. "I would never move against the wishes of an individual national Olympic committee or an international (sports) federation." Today, Samaranch will write to Charles Palmer, chairman of the BOA, to ask if the BOA would approve of a special invitation. If that is so, there would then be an approach to the IAAF.

Palmer has already indicated, informally, that while the BOA would not challenge the athletics selection policy, it is sympathetic to Coe's situation. Samaranch must already have discussed the case with Primo Nebiolo, the president of the IAAF, next to whom he sat at last week's Grand Prix event in Zurich. With the BOA and IAAF in agreement, the IOC would then be in a position to make such an unprecedented invitation. They are, of course, the exclusive arbiters of the Games, which belong to them.

Much will depend on Coe's producing evidence of his fitness, and recovery from the altitude cold which affected his running during the trials. He subsequently withdrew from the Zurich meeting and from a club event in London on Saturday because the virus has not fully cleared.

However, yesterday he had an exceptionally severe training session, running six one-lap repetitions within 20 minutes at Olympic competition level. Afterwards he said:

"I still have some problem with my sinus condition, and a bad headache, but I hope to be able to run in the Berlin Grand Prix finals next Friday. My only aim at present is to get back on the track and prove I am still among the best competitors in the world. Any move there may be to reinstate me in the Olympic Games is gratifying and flattering, but is outside my knowledge and influence."

Philosophy learnt the Mickey Mouse way

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accommodate him on his tiny hard currency allowance. Another delegate, from Africa, was heard in the lobby postulating the theory that, as he had no money on him, it followed logically that he could not pay the £150 registration fee demanded of him.

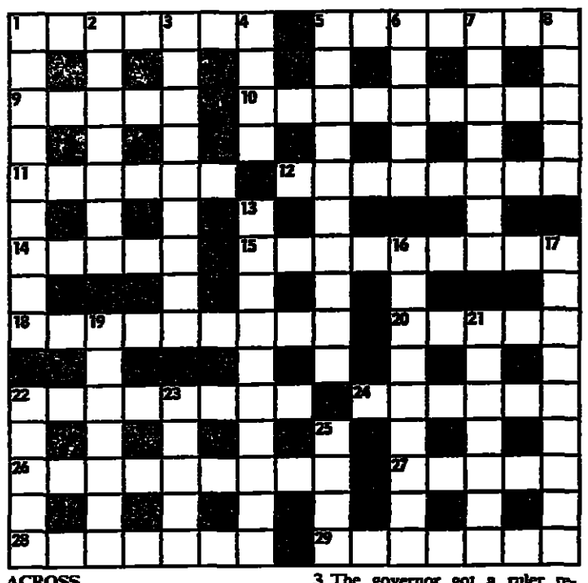
The conference theme is "the philosophical understanding of human beings", and in the course of attending more than 200 seminars and listening to 100 papers, delegates will explore to exhaustion the age-old division between the scientific and the humanitarian approaches to philosophy.

They will also explore, although not in their public sessions, the differences between the British government and the *Daily Mirror* approaches to the discipline. The Department of Education and Science has agreed to cover only about £2,000 of the estimated £210,000 cost of staging the congress. Mr Robert Maxwell, however, has donated what the organizers will only call "a very substantial sum, much more than any of our other sponsors".

The nub of the argument is that while Mr Maxwell clearly approves of philosophers, the present government apparently does not.

However, Lord Elton, a prominent Conservative peer and former government education spokesman in the Lords, was sticking up for the core curriculum and its essential ingredient, religion, which differs from most philosophy in requiring the acceptance of certain self-evident truths. He seemed happy to leave classroom philosophy to Mickey and Donald.

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ACROSS

1 Sketch of carriage shaft (7).
5 Hacks writing about fish (7).
9 A pine from end to end (5).
10 It gives all-round protection to a receiver of jewelry (4-5).
11 *Just a little sweet (6).*
12 A local newsagent in America (4,4).
14 Correct title (5).
15 The odd article is true-to-life (9).
18 Soldiers and general coming back again (9).
20 Flat in need of decoration? (5).
22 Company account — it turned on compulsion (8).
24 *7 dn put a guy in the shade (6).*
26 Showing fortitude about a surprising win is an inspiration (5-4).
27 In the dictionary the meaning's given as "Order" (5).
28 Oriental flier, a trainee, going on and on (7).
29 Stout leader, but a fool (7).

DOWN

1 When at work he'll face the wall (9).
2 Establishing a radical system (7).
3 The governor got a ruler replaced (9).
4 Measure the area (4).
5 One can't interrupt repairs for the poor beggars! (10).
6 Having a smell with nitrogen is risky (5).
7 *24 ac* allowed nine to change inside (7).
8 Soundly tie up a piece of meat (5).
13 Sort of fight nobody will pay to see (4-3-3).
16 Irresponsible and ill-mannered outside right (9).
17 Called round on only one occasion, though far from modest (9).
19 This act had to be ordered with care perhaps (7).
21 Greed is a failing holding the painter up (7).
22 This chain is about strong enough (5).
23 Saw "X" taking over (5).
25 The bank seems to be in a knot (4).

Concise crossword, page 16

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

FLOWER POWER
By Philip Howard

BISHOP'S WORT
a. Canterbury bells
b. Betony
c. Purple saxifrage

AIT-SKEITER
a. The larger bindweed
b. Horse radish
c. Wild Angelica

LADY'S PINCUSHION
a. Thrift
b. Touch-me-not
c. Sally-my-handsome

BACON AND EGGS
a. Toadflax
b. Solly-my-ugly
c. The corn marigold

Answers on page 16, column 1

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No17,753 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

A weak ridge of high pressure will transfer eastwards across the British Isles. The strong north-westerly winds across the Irish Sea have transferred eastward overnight and these will decline further. It will be cool generally, particularly over the eastern half of the country, but temperatures will rise to near normal over central and western districts and over sheltered parts of eastern and southern Scotland. Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Generally dry and bright particularly in the south.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	s	Luxor	41	106	s
Akrotiri	33	91	s	Madrid	25	77	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Majorca	28	82	c
Algiers	32	90	s	Malaga	29	84	s
Amst'dam	17	63	c	Malta	31	88	f
Athens	30	86	s	Melb'rne	11	52	r
Barcelna	18	64	r	Milan	25	79	s
Belgrade	35	95	s	Moscow	20	68	s
Berlin	20	68	c	Munich	18	64	c
Bermuda*	31	88	s	Nairobi	23	73	c
Biarritz	19	66	c	Naples	30	86	s
Brussels	15	59	r	N York*	25	77	f
Budapst	18	64	f	Nice	28	79	c
Cairo	35	97	s	Paris	19	66	r
Chicago*	23	73	c	Reykjvik	10	50	d
Ch'church	8	46	d	Rhodes	28	82	s
Cologne	19	66	f	Rio de J	24	75	s
Corfu	30	86	s	Riyadh	42	108	s
Dublin	15	59	c	Rome	29	84	f
Dubrovnik	29	84	s	Salzburg	17	63	c
Faro	32	90	s	S F'isco*	21	70	s
Florence	28	82	s	Santiago*	13	55	c
Funchal	24	75	f	Seoul	28	82	c
Geneva	20	68	s	Sing'por	28	79	f
Gibraltar	30	86	s	St'kholm	21	70	f
Hong K	30	86	f	Sydney	23	73	s
Istanbul	27	81	s	Tel aviv	34	93	s
Jeddah	39	102	s	Tenerife	27	81	s
Jo'burg*	15	59	s	Tokyo	31	88	s
Lisbon	23	73	s	Vanc'ver*	16	61	c
Locarno	24	75	f	Venice	28	82	f
L Angels*	18	64	c	Vienna	18	64	f
Luxmbg	16	61	r	Warsaw	20	68	c

* denotes Friday's figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.36	5.6	9.09	5.5
Aberdeen	8.45	3.2	9.27	3.3
Avonmouth	1.17	9.8	1.56	9.4
Belfast	6.29	2.8	6.58	2.8
Cardiff	1.02	9.2	1.41	8.8
Devonport	—	—	12.47	4.3
Dover	5.51	5.1	6.25	5.1
Falmouth	—	—	12.17	4.1
Glasgow	7.28	4.2	7.59	4.1
Harwich	6.42	3.2	6.26	4.3
Holyhead	5.31	4.3	6.26	4.3
Hull	1.00	5.7	1.45	5.6
Ilfracombe	12.23	6.8	11.14	6.7
Leith	10.03	4.3	10.38	4.3
Liverpool	6.06	7.2	7.03	7.2
Lowestoft	4.56	2.0	5.24	2.0
Margate	6.58	3.9	7.27	3.8
Milford Haven	12.44	5.2	1.32	5.1
Newquay	—	—	12.32	5.2
Oban	12.02	2.9	1.57	2.8
Penzance	—	—	12.06	4.3
Portland	12.35	1.4	1.30	1.4
Portsmouth	6.27	3.8	7.07	3.7
Shoreham	6.00	4.5	6.50	4.7
Southampton	6.20	3.8	6.56	3.7
Swansea	12.54	7.3	1.46	7.1
Tees	11.21	4.1	—	—
Wilton-on-Nze	6.37	3.4	7.10	3.4

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft. Times are BST

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.9	.15	19	66	shower
Cromer	-	.09	20	68	sunny
Clacton	8.6	.06	21	70	shower
Southend	7.8	.01	20	68	sunny
Margate	10.2	.01	20	68	sunny
Folkestone	7.9	.03	19	66	sunny
Eastbourne	6.8	.40	18	64	thundr
Brighton	7.0	.21	19	66	shower
Worthing	8.4	.02	19	66	sunny
Southsea	8.1	.01	21	70	sunny
Sandown	7.4	.05	19	66	bright
Poole	8.6	.04	19	66	shower
Swanage	7.2	-	19	66	sunny
Weymouth	9.5	-	19	66	sunny
Exmouth	7.5	.09	18	64	bright
Torquay	9.7	.04	19	66	sunny
Falmouth	11.1	.10	18	64	sunny
Penzance	10.5	.19	18	64	sunny
Buxton	1.7	.61	15	59	rain
Leeds	2.4	.24	17	63	cloudy
Nottingham	2.6	.06	16	61	cloudy
Anglesey	1.5	.04	18	64	shower
Colwyn Bay	2.6	.22	16	61	shower
Tenby	6.6	.02	17	63	sunny
Aberdeen	0.7	.31	16	61	shower
Aviemore	0.1	.13	15	59	rain
Eskdalemuir	1.5	.09	16	61	shower
Stornoway	-	.13	12	54	drizzle
Tiree	0.6	.09	14	57	shower
Wick	0.9	.26	14	57	rain

* Denotes figures not available

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.18	2.06
Austria Sch	23.55	22.35
Belgium Fr	70.90	67.40
Canada $	2.185	2.055
Denmark Kr	12.75	12.15
Finland Mkk	7.93	7.59
France Fr	11.31	10.76
Germany Dm	3.325	3.165
Greece Dr	265	251
Hong Kong $	13.75	13.09
Ireland Pt	1.242	1.182
Italy Lire	2470	2360
Japan Yen	237.50	225.50
Netherlands Gld	3.765	3.575
Norway Kr	12.17	11.57
Portugal Esc	271.00	257.00
South Africa Rd	4.75	4.35
Spain Pta	216	207
Sweden Kr	11.48	10.88
Switzerland Fr	2.80	2.66
USA $	1.775	1.695
Yugoslavia Dar	6175	4375

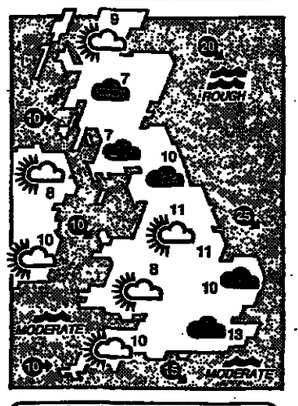
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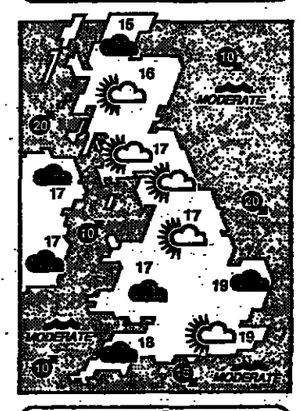
London: The *FT* index closed up 8.3 at 1484.5

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 11.03 at 2016.9.

AM



PM



HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Manston, Kent, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Weston-super-Mare 2.48 in; highest sunshine: Falmouth, Cornwall 11.1 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	c 13	55	Guernsey	f 17	63
B'ringham	c 15	59	Inverness	c 13	55
Blackpool	f 15	59	Jersey	c 16	61
Bristol	c 16	61	London	c 15	59
Cardiff	f 16	61	Manchester	c 15	59
Edinburgh	f 16	61	Newcastle	c 14	57
Glasgow	f 15	59	Prestwick	f 15	59

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.38 pm to 5.29 am
Bristol 8.48 pm to 5.39 am
Edinburgh 9.02 pm to 5.30 am
Manchester 8.52 pm to 5.33 am
Penzance 8.57 pm to 5.54 am

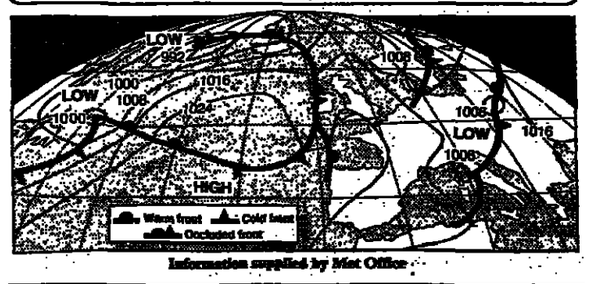
Sun rises: 5.57 am
Sun sets: 8.08 pm
Moon rises 5.25 pm
Moon sets 11.53 pm
Full Moon August 27

LONDON

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Pernod could become IDG's white knight

By Colin Campbell

After a weekend of high level executive meetings in Dublin, Pernod-Ricard, the French drinks company, is poised to become Irish Distillers' white knight and save the Jameson and Paddy whiskey group from the unwanted clutches of Grand Metropolitan.

As the battle for IDG enters its 13th week, its board meets today to give formal consideration to an improved Ir£253 million (£210 million) bid at Ir400p a share, with a loan note alternative, launched by GrandMet on Friday.

Irish Distillers was originally bid for by GC&C Brands on May 30 with an Ir315p a share cash offer, valuing it at Ir£200 million.

IDG now has at least two other takeover proposals on this morning's boardroom agenda to consider, and in view of earlier comments, is likely to again reject GrandMet's bid as "too low."

A formal statement is expected by late afternoon.

IDG was put back into play by the Takeover Panel and the European Commission last week after their earlier and respective rulings that the May 30 bid by the GC&C Brands consortium was illegal. GrandMet was given the go-ahead to launch a fresh, but individual, bid.

In the initial May 30 bid, Guinness, Allied-Lyons and Grand Metropolitan were all interested parties in the bid vehicle, GC&C Brands.

However, after unprecedented European Commission intervention, ownership of GC&C Brands was restructured to leave GrandMet as sole shareholder of the bid vehicle.

In a parallel development on Friday, the Takeover Panel ruled that with particular reference to Rule 35 of the Takeover Code, GrandMet could make a fresh offer for Irish Distillers, but it imposed a shorter timetable.

The Panel also ruled that GrandMet may not raise its Ir400p bid unless there is a competitive bid, and determined that the last date for acceptance of its offer would be September 12.

Rule 35 says that no party may re-bid for a company within 12 months of a lapsed offer.

GrandMet's formal offer document detailing Friday's improved Ir400p offer is due for publication today.

The inclusion of a loan note alternative in GrandMet's revised bid has potential tax advantages for those liable for capital gains tax, full details of which will be outlined in the formal offer document.

Pernod-Ricard first stepped on to the IDG share register last August by acquiring just short of a 1 per cent stake.

The two drinks companies have enjoyed close working relationships for some time, and Mr Richard Burrows, IDG's managing director, welcomed the Pernod-Ricard share purchase as "a friendly holding."

There have been several meetings between Pernod-Ricard and Irish Distillers in recent weeks, of which the weekend meetings are thought to have been the most significant and during which plans for Pernod to assume the role of white knight are understood to have been laid.

Runciman escapes control bid by Telfos

By Our City Staff

The £31 million hostile bid by Telfos for control of Walter Runciman, the shipping security and insurance company, has ended in failure.

By yesterday's closing date, Telfos, the engineering conglomerate, which already owned 28.6 per cent of Runciman's shares, announced that it had received acceptances of a further 11 per cent making only 40 per cent of the total.

The stage is now set for further acrimony between the two sides if Mr Joe Malins, the managing director of Telfos, carries out his threat to call a Runciman extraordinary meeting to try and gain a majority for the proposal to dismiss existing management.

Mr Garry Runciman, chairman of Walter Runciman, was non-committal about an extraordinary meeting being called in the near future and told *The Times*: "No comment, you had better ask Mr Malins about that."

The result of the takeover tussle comes as no surprise especially after the Scottish Amicable Investment Managers pledged its total 8.5 per cent stake in Walter Runciman to the existing management at the weekend.

Telfos was offering six ordinary shares, three cumulative preference shares and one warrant for every four Walter Runciman shares. There was also a 328p cash alternative.

Runciman's shares closed at 331p on Friday and could now come under pressure.

Telfos shares closed at 170p.

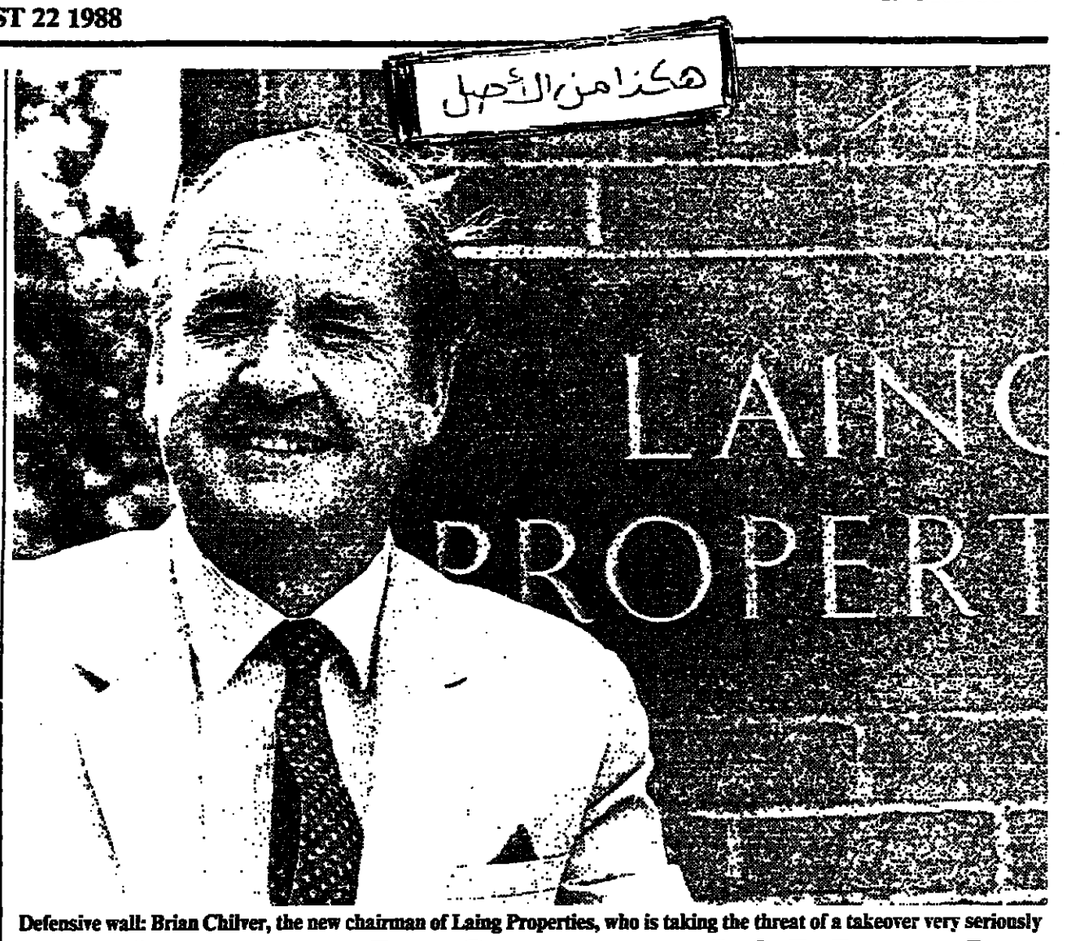
Pavion yet to release late results

By Our City Staff

Shareholders in Pavion International, the USM cosmetics manufacturer, are still waiting for the company to publish results for the year ended February.

Dealings in the shares were halted at a trading price of 8.5p on July 28 — when the results were originally scheduled — after the company said there would be a week's delay in its reporting timetable.

On August 5, Pavion announced a further delay — no report date was given but *The Times* understands that results could be issued by the end of this week. Pavion last reported interim profits to the end of August showing pre-tax profits down to £193,000.



Defensive wall: Brian Chilver, the new chairman of Laing Properties, who is taking the threat of a takeover very seriously

Laing ready for any bid battle

By Cliff Feltham

There is no chance of Laing Properties being caught napping if the tiny Chelsfield property company — or indeed any other predator — decides to make a swoop later this summer.

Chelsfield, the private investment vehicle of Mr Elliott Bernerd, has built up a 5 per cent stake in Laing Properties — whose newly installed chairman, Mr Brian Chilver, is treating the prospect of a hostile bid very seriously.

"We view the holding with some concern. We realize they probably noticed our share price was low and decided to start buying. We have spoken to them but have no idea what their intentions are. We are taking a defensive attitude which is the responsible way to act," he says.

Laing is spreading the word in the City about its achievements — a sure sign it feels threatened.

Laing's shares have risen sharply on the Chelsfield link and are changing hands at a high of 536p, valuing the group at more than £350 million. Laing was separated from the Laing construction group 10 years ago.

The Laing family and associated trusts speak for almost 40 per cent of the shares — but stripping out the charitable trusts cuts the defensive holding back to below 30 per cent. Still a solid plank to defend a bid, but Mr Chilver has no intention of forcing the company to rely on friends to bail it out of trouble. He has parted with the traditional three-yearly property revaluation and intends to make an annual revaluation starting at the end of this year.

Some suggestions of £7 seem wide of the mark but a figure close to 560p seems more likely compared with the 1986 figure of 425p.

Mr Chilver has been actively refashioning Laing's portfolio which is split between Britain with 50 per cent and the the US and Canada with the rest.

He has been reducing the office content in the oversaturated US market, increasing the retail content of the Canadian portfolio, while at home he has been upgrading the quality of British properties.

This has led Laing into residential projects, such as retirement homes and flats in Tennessee and Florida, although there are no plans to tread the same path in Britain.

At home, Laing has a £200 million portfolio and is taking a much more direct attitude to trading properties if the right offers come along.

But Mr Chilver has no intention of being pushed into making acquisitions himself to create a defensive wall. "That would not be the right thing to do. We are looking to maximize the potential in our portfolio. If anyone has a go at us I don't see why they should be able to get more out of the properties than us."

Rising demand puts pressure on Lawson to tighten policy

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

There is growing pressure for Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to tighten fiscal policy in the autumn with what would amount to a mini-Budget, unless there is evidence that the rise in interest rates has curbed the excessive growth of demand.

City economists fear that currency dealers will otherwise turn against sterling after a further one, or at most two, sets of monthly economic statistics.

Sterling weakness would oblige the Bank of England to raise interest rates sharply again to counter the inflationary impact.

The Treasury and the Bank hope the recent rise in interest rates will help halve the growth of demand back to the 3 per cent level they regard as sustainable.

Using the Treasury model, Mr Neil MacKinnon of Chase Manhattan Securities calculates that this might require base rates of 13 per cent for a year, in the absence of other policy measures. Several influential City pundits envisage base rates of at least 12 per cent and up to 14 per cent.

Financial markets face another nervous August week as the trend to higher interest rates spreads round the world and Britain's trade figures display further symptoms of the economy's feverish summer, putting a question mark over the short-term stability of the pound.

By the weekend, money market rates were consistent with a further half-point rise in base rates, with the three-month interbank rate at 11½ per cent.

Some observers expect the Bundesbank to indicate a rise in West German interest rates by setting its repurchase rate at a slightly higher level. Most of last week, the Bundesbank led other central banks in selling the dollar, principally to stem its rise against the mark.

Fears of an imminent rise in Japan's 2.5 per cent discount rate receded in Tokyo at the weekend, although inflation figures due on Friday are likely to show an upturn.

The immediate fate of sterling is likely to depend on the July trade figures, due to be released on Thursday.

The average City forecast is for a £1 billion current account deficit, similar to the June deficit. It would be the third £1 billion figure in a row and the fifth this year.

There could be some relief as a result of the annual study of the balance of payments, the "Pink Book," due on Wednesday. This often results in the monthly estimate of net invisible earnings, £500 million at present, being revised upwards.

Building industry 'hit by shortages'

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Shortages of materials and manpower, compounded by problems with sub-contractors, are causing "serious" delays in the building industry.

But three-quarters of building companies expect tender prices to rise in the next few months as a continuation of the trend towards higher prices.

The prospects for the shortages and price trends to change also seem slim because more building contractors than ever before in the present decade are forecasting increased workloads. There are 82 per cent of companies forecasting an increase in workload this year compared with 1987, according to the second quarter state-of-the-industry survey by the Building Employers Confederation.

That compares with 76 per cent in the two previous quarterly surveys which were looking to increases.

Delays categorized as serious were affecting 14 per cent of companies because of scarcity of manpower. Materials' shortages have hit 7 per cent and 8 per cent have been affected by a dearth of sub-contractors.

Materials' shortages are now causing some delays to 51 per cent of companies. There are 53 per cent affected by manpower shortages. The scarcity of sub-contractors has brought some delays to 41 per cent of building companies.

Trade evidence has pointed to some materials' shortages being measured in months for forward deliveries rather than weeks.

Imports are believed to be increasing to fill the materials' gap. Last year building materials' imports rose 5.8 per cent and some in the industry now expect up to a 10 per cent rise this year.

The trading deficit between the import and export of building materials grew to about £2 billion last year.

Shortages are being felt most in the South-east. The proportion of companies operating at or close to capacity is 84 per cent in London compared with 38 per cent in the North-east and the Borders.

BAT set to issue bid statement

By Our City Staff

BAT will today advise the London stock exchange of the latest progress in its talks with Farmers, the Los Angeles insurance group, after a weekend of negotiations at a secret American location concerning a friendly takeover.

Both sides agreed to hold talks without preconditions but also decided to impose a weekend news blackout on developments.

BAT will, however, be obliged to make some kind of statement before the London stock exchange opens for business today in view of its earlier deadline that the $72 (£42) a share offer for Farmers would expire at 6pm Friday, California time.

SE turns its attention to the PR firms

By Geoffrey Foster

City Public Relations firms are coming under closer scrutiny by the Stock Exchange's surveillance department run by Mr Bob Wilkinson, as it steps up its efforts to rid the Square Mile of insider dealing.

Leading securities houses have been forced to re-assess their internal security and surveillance systems after the recent discovery of two cases of insider trading which resulted in the immediate dismissals of five people.

Now directors of PR firms will no doubt be doing the same, on news that Binns Cornwall, which is headed by Mr Peter Binns, has been involved in a "routine" investigation into share dealings before the bid last year for J Walter Thompson, the advertising and marketing group, by WPP, one of Binns Cornwall's clients.



Wilkinson: closer scrutiny

Mr Binns told *The Times* he had spent the day with "amiable" Stock Exchange officials discussing his client's offer for JWT and had heard nothing since.

Although no allegations of insider dealings were made against anyone at Binns Cornwall due to the investigation, the SE's look into the PR business has sent shock waves through the industry.

Directors of PR firms are often involved in discussions with their clients' other professional advisers weeks before a bid is announced. They have price-sensitive information for long periods and so the same Stock Exchange rules banning share dealings by directors and advisers of quoted companies applies.

Mr John Coyle, deputy chairman at Broad Street, the City PR firm, said: "Our code of conduct on share dealing is, and always will be strict, to protect our reputation.

"No director or employee of Broad Street is ever allowed to deal or invest in shares of any client company. No employee is allowed to buy or sell any share on the London Stock Exchange without seeking written permission from a director and they are also not allowed to transact short-term business with the sole aim of making a quick turn."

Mr David Bick, director at Lombard Communications, the PR firm, endorsed Mr Coyle's comments and said: "We do receive privileged information at times, but I find it difficult to believe that anybody would be stupid enough to deal."

Property bid prompts stock exchange action

HK inquiry into grey market trading

From Stephen Leather
Hong Kong

The Hong Kong stock exchange has launched an investigation into "grey market" trading which could involve some of its biggest broking firms.

Trading in suspended shares is against the exchange's rules and the exchange has issued warnings about the dangers of trading in them. Now, for the first time, it has written to stockbrokers it suspects of dealing in the grey market.

At the heart of the investigation is Paul Y Construction, a local property company. Shares in the company, which reported a loss of HK$24.7 million (£1.86 million) for the year ending March, were suspended recently after Mr Thomas Lau and his brother Joseph, two corporate raiders, launched a $2.10 a share bid through their China Entertainment and Land company.

During the suspension, the shares were trading at prices of up to $4.10 each, despite a warning against dealing from the stock exchange. The brothers took a 25 per cent stake in Paul Y shortly before last year's crash at $3.80 a share. In December they increased their stake to 34.7 per cent, just under the 35 per cent trigger point that would force a full bid. The Lau brothers moved on to the board soon after. What followed has attracted the attention of both the stock exchange and the Securities Commission.

On Wednesday August 10, the brothers announced Paul Y's losses, which surprised analysts as there had been no hint of the losses at the half-way stage. What hurt sentiment even more was that no final dividend would be paid for the first time since Paul Y went public in 1970. The company has no cash problems as in May it sold a loss-making ship for US$15.75 million (£9.26 million) and 61 flats on Hong Kong island for HK$106.5 million in June.

After the bad news, the shares traded at $2.30, until late on Thursday August 12. Then the Lau brothers claimed that "unrelated parties" had agreed to sell them 1,939,000 shares at $2.10 a share, the lowest price since May. The holding took them above 35 per cent and the Laus announced a bid for the remaining stock at $2.10 a share. Under stock exchange rules, the bid price must not be less than the bidder's highest price in the past six months.

The shares were suspended and on Monday August 15, Hysan Development, another listed property company, announced a rival bid at $3.50 a share, valuing Paul Y at HK$750 million.

The following day, dealers reported grey market prices of up to $4.20 a share and there were allegations of "dirty tricks." BT Asia, the broker representing Hysan, wrote to the stock exchange complaining about the grey market and alleging that some brokers were falsely claiming to be buying on behalf of Hysan and BT Asia.

The exchange wrote back to BT Asia asking it to name the brokers who had been dealing in the grey market and last week issued its warning, pointing out that Rule 539 says that "under no circumstances should a member or dealing partnership deal in a suspended stock."

The shares resumed trading on Thursday August 18 and the stock exchange's computer showed share transactions at prices above $4. The shares closed on Thursday at $3.225 and on Friday at $3, so the only explanation for the blocks changing hands at prices of $4 and above is that the deals were done on the grey market.

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Export markets hold the key to profit building at British Steel

SG Warburg, which is advising the Government in the forthcoming privatization of British Steel, has released volume two of an exhaustive analysis of the steel industry and British Steel's position within it.

Whereas part one concentrated largely on how British Steel turned the corner to profitability by cutting its cost base, part two examines the changing profile of its products, and the prospects of increasing margins by emphasizing higher margin products.

The fundamental shift in British Steel's output has been the move from producing commodity steel to high specification finished products. Often, the product is developed in conjunction with the customer to very fine tolerances.

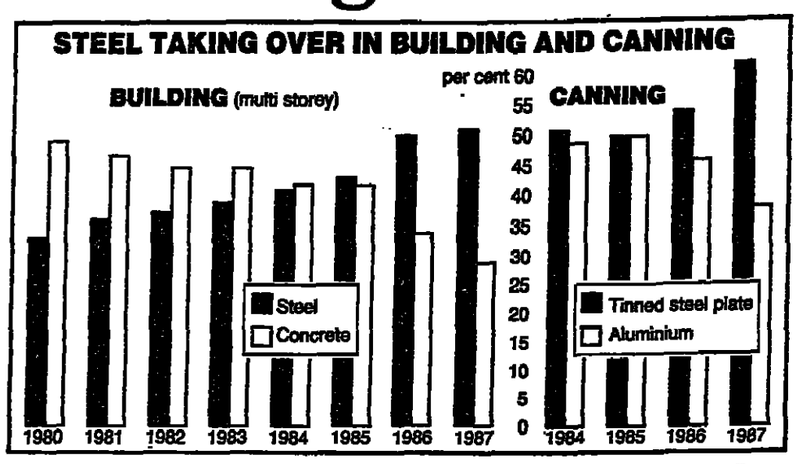
The Warburg analysts cite the example of tin cans, where British Steel has worked closely with the manufacturers to reduce the thickness of steel in tinplated cans. This gives a lighter can, and as a result, tinplate has been able to win back markets from aluminium in Europe, as the chart shows.

Steel has also been gaining market share in the construction industry. British Steel's marketing campaign aimed at architects and specifiers on building projects to encourage the use of steel in buildings has paid off. Steel's share of new multi-storey buildings has increased from 33 per cent in 1980 to 51 per cent last year.

On the negative side, it is anticipated that Britain's growth rate will slow next year, and this will be reflected in the demand for steel. There will be a further squeeze on steel demand due to the continuing decline in what the Warburg analysts call the intensity of steel usage.

They calculate that while the index of gross domestic product has grown from a base 100 in 1980 to 118.7 in 1987, steel intensity – the amount of steel required per unit of GDP – has declined from 100 in 1980 to 85 in 1987.

However, the removal of EEC steel quotas last month should open up significant export opportunities. BS exported 36 per cent of its output in its last financial year, compared with just 24 per cent five years ago. Only 36 per cent of these exports went to Continental Europe, a market of enormous opportunity for the new-look British Steel with its high quality output and reliable delivery schedules.



In future profits growth, cost cutting will continue to be a feature – there is still plenty of scope for improving the efficiency of steel production. But the majority of the benefits from this exercise have already been reflected in profits, and future gains will depend on British Steel's ability to continue its drive for new markets and higher margin products.

This, in essence, is what British Steel is all about. Steel is far from being a growth market, hence the need for a lowish multiple and a good yield. It will then be up to the management to prove that it can take on the international competition and win market share.

Food sector

With the City on holiday and the stock market indices becalmed, now is a good time to re-examine the attractions of the smaller companies. Their share price performance cannot escape the wider influence of the stock market generally, but fast-growing companies can, and usually do, outperform the index.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the stockbroker, reckons that a number of smaller food companies are worthy of a place in investors' portfolios, despite the considerable disadvantages many of them face.

In competing with the biggest food companies, most of the problems encountered by the small fry are, predictably, financial. They lack economies of scale, so their manufacturing overheads are higher per unit of output, and their buying power is lower. They are hampered by lack of resources when it comes to supporting brands with advertising. And, potentially most crippling of all, they may find themselves at the receiving end of a price-cutting strategy by a competitor prepared to suffer a short-term loss to build market share.

Identifying niche markets, where the production runs are too small to justify the attention of a big competitor, is one way of carving out a successful business. Dominance of a local market can bring a similar result. BZW recommends Clifford's Dairies as an example of a company that has succeeded in dominating a local market where there is no room for a second player.

Another promising area for small companies is to seek out fragmented markets, such as the catering industry, which are highly product-led. Alternatively, and more unusually, a small company with a product innovation, such as Dalepak Foods, can establish a strong market position.

Recent trends in food retailing have helped small companies. Centralized distribution, in particular, has solved the delivery nightmare of getting vanloads of products around myriad retail outlets. And the swing to own-label goods has also reduced the need for expensive advertising budgets, and coincidentally increased opportunities for co-operation with the retailer on product development.

BZW has identified a number of growth companies. Investors may consider Sidney Banks, AG Barr, Greggs, and Hughes Food Group for short-term performance and longer-term growth.

Barratt Developments

Remember Barratt Developments, which used to be Britain's largest housebuilder? Under the leadership of Sir Lawrie Barratt, the housing industry was brought up to date by providing an aspiring customer base with what it wanted.

But Barratt, like many pioneers, had a high profile and when, in 1983, its principal building method, timber-framed construction, was the target of ill-informed criticism, confidence in the group's product waned.

A further nail was hammered into the Barratt coffin in 1984 with bad publicity about marketing methods.

A lot has happened since then.

Barratt lost its place as a top housebuilder and was surpassed by Wimpey and Tarmac, among others. But neither of these has yet got close to Barratt's 1982-1983 unit sales of 16,500 homes. Indeed Barratt itself is expected to have sold only 7,150 units last year.

The shock of Barratt's change in circumstances was severe. But to give it its due, the top management team remained intact. A huge restructuring of the group was undertaken, as overheads were too cumbersome to support a lower level of business.

Barratt saw that to survive it had to adopt a defensive stance. By doing this the group has undergone an impressive recovery. Now a new management with fewer memories of the company's past is coming through and looking to make the business grow again.

Profits for the year to June 1988, to be published on September 21, are expected to be on the right side of £50 million, level with 1982-1983, the previous peak year when pre-tax profits of £50.3 million were reported. At the nadir of its fortunes, in 1984-85, Barratt made £4.1 million.

Mr Jonathan Timms, building analyst at Charterhouse Tilney, the stockbroker, believes there are considerable strengths at Barratt, making the shares attractive even if the market turns down.

Barratt's regional position – it has always been stronger in Scotland and northern England – and its profit margins, less inflated by the housing boom than some, leave the group less vulnerable than its competitors if the fast-moving southern market slows.

And as the "ripple effect" of rising house prices moves into the provinces Barratt will benefit, Mr Timms believes.

Moreover, he considers, there is scope to build on Barratt's modest profit margins while increases in volumes at Barratt's 19 operating subsidiaries are also possible.

Loss elimination from timesharing and Scotland are also anticipated as is an improved US performance.

Charterhouse Tilney believes the market is being over-cautious about Barratt's prospects for 1988-1989, and to indicate the potential for profits growth the broker is pencilling in a pre-tax profits forecast of £75 million – £17 million higher than some others for that year.

Asset backing of at least 215p against a share price of 185p, and a progressive dividend policy, are other positive factors.

The shares may be about to recover their past poise and should be bought in anticipation of this.

USM REVIEW

Morton paves the way for recovery at F&H

Mr Bob Morton, dubbed "Bobby Bear" by friends in the City because of his gloomy views about the stock market, returned to London on Saturday refreshed and raring to go after a month's break at his ville in Barbados.

He says he needed the rest. Today he embarks on the first round of a punishing schedule which he hopes will eventually earn him his third million in less than a year.

This should come as good news for shareholders of F&H Group, the troubled industrial control systems supplier, where he was appointed chairman and chief executive as part of a rescue package this year.

Shares of F&H were suspended at 62p in May but the first rescue package which it had been hoped would raise £2.8 million of much needed cash by way of a three-for-two rights issue at 20p, had to be abandoned.

Mr Morton discovered that financial information in an official circular was inaccurate. Losses of £1.5 million forecast for the first half turned out to be substantially higher – £4 million.

Speaking from his home in Barbados, Mr Morton said: "The company should be dead by now. It's a wonder it's still going at all."

But not one to give up, he has put together a new rescue package, the details of which shareholders have had time to study while he has been soaking up the sun.

Tomorrow they will have a chance to vote on the new proposals at a specially convened extraordinary meeting. The terms include a one-for-one rights issue to raise £2.29 million, which will be entirely underwritten by Mr Morton who will end up owning almost 30 per cent of the enlarged company.

Somehow he has also persuaded 3i, the venture capital group, to convert £1.5 million of loans into equity. He has also decided that some drastic action is needed to stem F&H's losses, so he has sold the controls business to Harland Simon for a nominal £1.

Mr Morton has received irrevocable undertakings amounting to 55 per cent of the votes for his proposals. So this week, after the meeting, he will set about putting F&H back on its feet. "We'll be back in the black this year. All the businesses we have left are making a profit."


Bob Morton: wonder worker

These include a small West German process control business, TR Minta, the electrical contractor, and Amveico, an assembler of motor components for the motor industry.

F&H is considering several suitable acquisitions. "It's a miracle package," he says. But the City is convinced that Mr Morton can repeat with F&H the success he had with Burgess Group before selling out last year to RHP Group, earning a handsome profit for those shareholders who backed his judgement.

Elsewhere on the USM, Chartsearch, the business information group which specializes in financial newsletters and was floated just two weeks after the October stock market crash, has surged into the top slot in this month's USM ratings monitored by Deloitte's, the chartered accountant.

Its shares, floated at 18p, were suspended in July pending the announcement that Mr John Gommes, the company's founder and chairman, had sold his 33 per cent stake to Mr Nigel Wray, a fellow director.

The share sale took Mr Wray's holding to 44 per cent and Mr Wray duly became chairman, with the shares simultaneously soaring from 37p to 84p as soon as they returned from suspension.

Shares in Chartsearch stood at 87p on Friday and their meteoric rise has meant that they have finally claimed Deloitte's number one slot, after a long spell among its top 10 performers.

According to Deloitte's, the price increase can be attributed to stake-building by Mr Wray and the rating it gives the company in its table is now more than double that of its nearest rival.

Chartsearch's success has shunted Psion, last month's top performer, into second place, even though its shares have risen a further 8p.

However, the accountant observes that August has been a particularly quiet month on the USM. Of those companies floated in April, and now eligible for a rating – only companies which have been on the USM for three months are included – only one has made it into the top 10.

Clearly a company worth watching is Dudley Jenkins Group, the only quoted broker. Mr Tylan Babcheli, chairman of Dudley Jenkins, attributes his company's early success to its unique position in the fast-growing British market.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd also has just published a 16-page review of the USM, which is cautiously optimistic. While pointing out that the USM index rose 15 per cent in the first six months of this year, outperforming the FT all-share index by 4.3 per cent, it reminds clients that excellent though this performance has been, it should not be forgotten that since Black Monday the USM has fallen 26 per cent, compared with a 10 per cent decline in the FT all-share index over the same period.

"Investors should remain cautious and look for buying opportunities in well managed companies which, while continuing to take full advantage of current buoyant economic conditions, can also reduce their risk profile if conditions were to deteriorate," BZW says.

The companies which it claims satisfy that criteria are Ashstead Group, in which it recommends an above average weighting, followed by Cityvision and Savage.

Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Ruberoid chief attacks Raine offer over lack of synergy and experience

By Alexandra Jackson

Dr John Roberts, chief executive of Ruberoid, the roofing company currently subject of an £126 million offer from Raine Industries, the fast growing construction group, does not believe Raine is considering the important issues which will influence his company's future in its bid

"We have not been impressed with their recent offer document," he told *The Times* "and they have failed throughout to address the real issues."

Dr Roberts said he could see no synergy between the two businesses and he doubted Raine had any real experience in the manufacturing, processing and marketing of roofing products on an international scale, the core of Ruberoid's operation, accounting for 85 per cent of the business.

"It is in the best interests of the shareholders for the company to remain independent," he said.

Ruberoid's next step is to produce a defence document which should contain a dividend and profits forecast. It recently reported half-time profits of £6.5 million, up from 2.8 million last time. Raine is assuming 1988 profits from Ruberoid of at least £16 million compared with £10.2 million last year.

Dr Roberts pointed to Ruberoid's sound record showing 27 per cent compound growth in pre-tax profits in the last 10 years and 25 per cent compound growth in earnings per share.

"We are very excited about the future," he said. "We have strong brand names and are market leaders in four European countries. The outlook for profits and earnings is good and we have a determined management team."

Dr Roberts also pointed out that the Camrex court case was now not due to be heard until next year. This put Raine's promise to pay Ruberoid shareholders a special dividend if the outcome of the case was favourable in jeopardy, he said.

Raine has already declared its offer final, unless a third party makes a higher bid. It is offering two of its shares and 60p in cash for every Ruberoid share. This values Ruberoid at 252p. There is a cash alternative of 254p. Ruberoid's shares closed at 256p on Friday.

Raine already owns 6 per cent of Ruberoid's equity and has acceptances of a further 2.5 per cent of the shares. The offer closes on September 14.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 11 Finance Hse 10
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11 Low 10 Week fixed: 10
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – $10^{15}/_{16}$ 3 mth – $10^{15}/_{16}$
Selling: 2 mth – $10^{13}/_{16}$ 3 mth – $10^{13}/_{16}$
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 10%-10⅜ 2 mth: $10^{29}/_{32}$-10⅜ 3 mth: $10^{29}/_{32}$-10⅜ 6 mth 10⅜-10⅜
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 11¼ 2 mth: 11¼ 3 mth: 11¼ 6 mth 11½
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 10¾ close 10 1 week: 10¾-10 1 mth: $10^{13}/_{16}$-10¾ 3 mth: $11^{7}/_{16}$-11⅜ 6 mth: 11⅜-11⅜ 9 mth: 11⅜-11⅜ 12 mth: 11⅜-11⅜
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 10¾ 7 day: 10¾ 1 mth: 10¾
3 mth: 11⅛ 6 mth: 11⅜ 12 mth: 11⅜
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 10⅜-10¾ 2 mth: 11⅛-10⅜ 3 mth: 11¼-11
6 mth: 11⅜-11⅜ 9 mth: 11⅜-11⅜ 12 mth: 11⅜-11⅜
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: $10^{3}/_{4}$-$10^{13}/_{16}$ 3 mth: 11¼-11⅜ 6 mth: 11⅜-11⅜ 12 mth 11¾-11⅞

Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.30-8.25 3 mth: 8.60-8.55 6 mth: 8.90-8.85 12 mth 8.90-8.85

TREASURY BILLS

Applic: £492.3m — allotted: £100m
Bids: £97.315% — received: 93%
Last week: £97.335% — received: 56%
Avge rate: £10.7308% — last wk £10.6781%
Next week: £100m — replace £100m

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8¼-7⅝	$8^{5}/_{16}$-$8^{3}/_{16}$	$8^{11}/_{16}$-$8^{9}/_{16}$	9-8⅝
Call: 6-7				
Deutschemark:	$4^{13}/_{16}$-$4^{9}/_{16}$	5-4⅞	$5^{3}/_{16}$-$5^{1}/_{16}$	5⅛-5
Call: 4¾-3¾				
French Franc:	$7^{7}/_{16}$-$7^{3}/_{16}$	7⅛-7⅜	$7^{13}/_{16}$-$7^{11}/_{16}$	8⅜-8¼
Calls 7⅛-6¾				
Swiss Franc:	2¾-2½	$3^{7}/_{16}$-$3^{5}/_{16}$	$3^{13}/_{16}$-$3^{11}/_{16}$	$4^{3}/_{16}$-$4^{1}/_{16}$
Call: 3-2				
Yen:	4⅝-4⅜	$4^{9}/_{16}$-$4^{7}/_{16}$	$4^{15}/_{16}$-$4^{13}/_{16}$	5-4⅞
Call: 3¾-2¾				

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 76.7 (day's range 76.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for August 19

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6980-1.7030	1.7015-1.7025	0.38-0.35pr	1.15-1.13pr
Montrl	2.0792-2.0913	2.0858-2.0898	0.29-0.14pr	0.80-0.62pr
Amsrdm	3.6325-3.6401	3.6344-3.6382	1¾-1¼pr	5¼-5¼pr
Brussels	67.38-67.73	67.52-67.73	30-15pr	90-61pr
Copnhgn	12.3129-12.3459	12.3129-12.3252	3¼-2¼pr	9¼-8¼pr
Dublin	1.1980-1.2063	1.2012-1.2022	45-39pr	138-123pr
Frankft	3.2184-3.2256	3.2184-3.2220	1⅝-1½pr	5-4¾pr
Lisbon	261.21-262.52	261.44-262.44	23-69dis	79-172dis
Madrid	210.48-211.69	210.48-211.11	33-13pr	72-50pr
Milan	2384.14-2389.73	2384.23-2387.33	3-par pr	6-par pr
Oslo	11.7268-11.7794	11.7659-11.7813	1½-2ds	5⅜-6ds
Paris	10.9191-10.9348	10.9202-10.9318	⅜-3pr	9¾-8¾pr
Stckhlm	11.0219-11.0397	11.0257-11.0356	¾-⅝pr	2¾-2¼pr
Tokyo	226.55-227.28	226.98-227.28	1⅝-1¼pr	3¾-3¼pr
Vienna	22.58-22.67	22.64-22.67	11½-10¾pr	34-31¾pr
Zurich	2.7062-2.7122	2.7062-2.7104	1⅜-1⅛pr	5¼-5pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	24.24-24.40
Australia dollar	2.0847-2.0888
Bahrain dinar	0.6395-0.6435
Brazil cruzado *	459.07-461.62
Cyprus pound	0.8150-0.8250
Finland marka	7.5825-7.6225
Greece drachma	257.19-258.20
Hong Kong dollar	13.2469-13.2565
India rupee	24.20-24.30
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4820-0.4860
Malaysia ringgit	4.5030-4.5075
Mexico peso	3780-3880
New Zealand dollar	2.8284-2.8342
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.3650-6.4050
Singapore dollar	3.4554-3.4592
S Africa rand (fin)	5.7661-5.9200
S Africa rand (com)	4.1634-4.1711
U A E dirham	6.23-6.27

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Exsel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4155-1.4170	Denmark	7.2500-7.2600	Italy	1400.5-1401.5
Singapore	2.0350-2.0360	W Germany	1.8905-1.8915	Belgium (Com)	39.70-39.73
Malaysia	2.9520-2.9530	Switzerland	1.5910-1.5920	Hong Kong	7.8015-7.8025
Australia	1.2277-1.2292	Netherlands	2.1330-2.1340	Portugal	153.60-154.10
Canada	1.2235-1.2245	France	6.4180-6.4210	Spain	123.85-123.95
Sweden	6.4900-6.5000	Japan	133.15-133.25	Austria	13.29-13.30
Norway	6.9200-6.9300	Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Exsel.			

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
7,077,000	A & M Gp	11½	-½	..	..	42.6
28.8m	ASD	403	-10	13.0	3.2	11.3
7,523,000	ATA Selection	63	..	2.5	4.0	14.9
19.9m	Aber Am Pet	30	+1	..	..	..
9,600,000	Aberdeen Sat Hse	80	●+2	2.0	2.5	19.2
	Access Satellite	..	..	4.41	..	24.3
17.2m	Acorn Comp	38	..	..	..	..
27.5m	Acsis Group	175	+1	..	..	..
16.6m	Arrapring	175	●+3	6.6	3.8	10.9
3,191,000	Alexd Ltd	101	..	5.5	5.4	11.0
8,660,000	Ald Restaurants	68	..	1.6	2.4	..
43.3m	Amar Bus Sys	118	●-4	2.3	2.0	51.3
11.7m	Antler	201	+3	4.8	2.4	16.5
42.7m	App Holographics	305	+3	..	..	..
111.6m	Arbn Energy	68	..	..	..	70.4
39.9m	Ashtead	535	●+5	5.3	1.0	17.5
55.1m	Aspen Comms	328	..	7.9b	1.3	23.2
168.7m	Aspray	318	..	6.3	2.0	14.9
4,847,000	Assoc Energy	70	..	..	..	72.9
6,906,000	Assoc Nursing	140	+2	2.7b	1.9	17.9
17.2m	Atlantic Sec	85	..	..	..	..
19.1m	Atlas Equipment	237	..	9.6	4.1	12.8
6,731,000	Automagic	118	..	8.9	7.5	18.0
3,108,000	BBB Design	38	●-½	2.0	5.3	9.2
2,250,000	BMT	75	●+3	1.3	3.9	30.0
3,757,000	BTS Grp	73	●-3	5.7	7.8	46.5
10.4m	BWD	111	..	..	..	10.9
22.3m	Beaverco	260	..	7.5	2.9	16.0
3,943,000	Bedford (William)	83	..	6.4	7.7	7.7
6,753,000	Bensons Crisps	91	●+3	1.1	1.2	17.9
5,700,000	Berry Birch & Noble	95	..	8.0	8.5	9.6
2,935,000	Bestobell Secterres	117	..	5.8	5.0	14.8
6,619,000	Bio Isolates	38	..	..	..	..
9,225,000	Biomechanics	25	..	..	..	..
4,674,000	Blenchards	67	..	..	..	..
67.4m	Blenheim Exhib	605	..	7.3	1.2	50.3
23.8m	Bluebird Toys	235	..	8.5	3.0	11.4
12.7m	Bonded Laminates	142	..	4.3	3.0	20.8
3,643,000	Border TV	96	+1	2.0	5.6	9.3
35.1m	Botland	112	+5	..	..	..
7,295,000	Brewmaster	141½	..	..	..	19.1
7,195,000	Br Bloodstock	210	●-2	11.7	5.9	21.4
17.8m	Br Island	99	..	2.7	2.7	11.4
17.1m	Broad St	44	..	1.0	2.3	53.7
58.9m	Broadwell Land	199	+16	..	..	..
71.6m	Brockhurst	585	●+15	7.9	1.3	17.8
	Bula Resources	4½	..	..	..	3.2
42.6m	Burford	348	+6	0.4	0.1	66.0
11.0m	CCA Publications	100	..	..	..	..
20.1m	CCF	150	+10	4.1	2.7	7.4
24.3m	CML Micro	143	..	1.9	1.3	16.3
10.8m	CPU Comp	63	..	..	..	18.4
20.2m	CSL Corp	96	+3	2.9	3.0	17.9
367.000	Calm Energy	250	+10	..	..	..
	Caledonian	50	..	..	..	..
6,680,000	Camsteach	124	..	3.3	2.7	34.3
21.4m	Cap & Regional	121	..	0.4	0.3	46.5
18.2m	Carron Phoenix	146	..	4.7	3.2	..
8,975,000	Castle Comm	225	..	9.6	4.1	16.6
21.7m	Catalyst	54	..	0.1	0.2	13.2
9,600,000	Central Motor	96	..	3.3b	3.4	15.2
50.8m	Chancery	268	..	8.0	3.0	15.7
14.8m	Chelsea Man	137	●+2	3.8	2.8	14.9
2,510,000	Cher	18	..	..	..	10.9
7,016,000	Cheshire	129	..	2.8	2.0	8.7
7,387,000	City of Lon	95	..	..	..	..
31.9m	Clyvedon	82	..	0.7	0.9	33.1
12.3m	Clarke Hooper	146	●-1	4.0	2.7	11.9
5,341,000	Clogau Gold	24	..	..	..	..
47.8m	Coll Resources	103	..	..	..	..
14.1m	Coated Electrodes	51	..	1.9	3.5	23.9
21.1m	Cobra Emerald	67	..	..	..	..
2,556,000	Colorgen Inc	33	..	..	..	..
25.5m	Colorgraphic	232	..	6.9	2.5	18.5
48.2m	Colourvision	360	●-10	9.7	1.6	33.4
10.8m	Co of Designers	29	..	2.5	3.4	10.2
9,086,000	Comp Financial	208	..	6.4	3.1	15.2
13.1m	Compsoft	50	..	..	..	8.4
	Conroy Pet	48	..	..	..	..
26.3m	Cons Tern Invs	59	+1	..	..	39.6
9,058,000	Contl Microwave	170	..	4.9	2.4	13.6
41.1m	Cpss (DC)	170	..	3.9	2.3	23.6
14.1m	Copymore	130	+2	2.7	2.1	15.9
24.5m	Corporate Prop	88	..	1.0	1.5	34.3
23.5m	Corton Bch	72	-1	0.7	1.0	12.3
11.3m	Crampshorn	395	●-5	9.0	1.3	25.7
7,111,000	Cranbrook	72	..	0.7	1.0	38.3
5,984,000	Cranswick	98	..	7.4	8.4	11.7
4,363,000	Croton Lodge	76	..	3.3	4.3	10.8
16.0m	Crowdon Labs	437	●+24	7.2	1.6	18.4
24.2m	Crown Com.	144	+17	..	..	..
5,565,000	Dawes (DY)	105	..	5.5	5.2	8.3
23.9m	Dean & Bowes	195	..	5.5	3.5	18.4
4,014,000	Delmar	57	..	3.1	5.4	11.4
7,523,000	Delmans Elec	175	●+5	5.6	3.1	10.7
65.1m	Dewey Warren	125	..	..	..	8.4
26.2m	Dolphin Packaging	188	+5	2.7	1.4	..
24.5m	Druck	393	..	7.4	1.9	15.8
13.2m	Dunton	45	..	0.8	1.8	28.1
5,157,000	Dudley Jenkins	118	+2	2.7	2.3	17.0
11.3m	Durham (DG)	59	-6	..	..	..
9,196,000	Eade	51	-3	2.0	3.9	28.6
11.5m	Ealing Elect Optics	110	-1	2.1e	1.9	81.5
	Ecotric	23	..	..	..	..
11.8m	Egerton Forestry	140	+2	4.0	4.7	12.9
3,999,000	Edin Oil & Gas	80	..	..	..	75.0
40.7m	Elandge Pope 'A'	530	..	11.0	2.1	21.7
24.6m	Electron House	144	●-2	6.0	4.2	11.3
22.0m	Entertainment Prod	39	..	..	..	12.5
22.9m	Epwin	159	-1	6.4	4.0	13.2
19.9m	Esal Group	181	●+25	8.0	4.4	10.1
9,748,000	Expedier Leisure	140	-2	..	..	14.5
32.3m	Explosive Hldgs	47	..	..	..	..
14.5m	F & H Group	62	..	..	..	14.5
	Fairhaven Ind	15½	..	..	..	..
4,582,000	Fairway London	58	●-2	3.3	5.7	8.8
6,088,000	Feedback	72	●-1	2.3	4.6	19.1
	Felman Mining	48	-4	..	..	..
4,610,000	Fergusonson	172½	+3	..	..	9.6
78.0m	Fields (Mrs)	82	..	..	..	..
20.9m	Flofax	140	..	4.5	3.2	13.5
75.7m	Firstland	44	..	..	..	..
22.5m	Fletcher Deanys	41	+1	..	..	9.5
11.2m	Flextech	51	+3	..	..	..
33.2m	Flogas	190	-10	..	..	..
22.1m	Floyd Energy	26	..	..	..	..
66.4m	Ford Seller	115	●-5	2.7	2.3	17.1
13.7m	Forward Gp	196	..	3.7	1.9	17.1
12.7m	Freeman Gp	223	..	9.3	4.2	11.7
21.4m	French Conn	135	+2	2.7	2.0	18.9
73.2m	Fuller Smith 'A'	610	..	9.0	1.3	20.8
7,331,000	GWR Gp	495	..	..	..	..
5,586,000	GC Flooring	60	..	2.7	4.5	11.1
19.9m	Gabbicci	145	+2	4.9	3.4	12.7
8,880,000	Gardner (DC)	155	..	2.7	1.7	17.6
7,222,000	Gibbon Lyons	180	●..	6.0	3.3	15.5
18.4m	Gibbs Mew	298	●..	8.0	2.6	17.7
5,473,000	Global Gp	83	..	4.1	4.9	11.0
4,111,000	Godwin Warren	85	+2	2.9	3.4	25.8
30.5m	Goodhead Print	236	+11	5.5	2.3	18.5
11.2m	Granyte Surface	80	-1	4.0	5.0	11.2
22.9m	Great Southern	232	..	8.0	3.4	15.7
16.8m	Green (Ernest)	216	+1	5.8	2.7	15.7
2,870,000	Greenwich Cable	43	+1	..	..	..
14.2m	Guidehouse	60	-1	1.3	2.2	14.7
22.3m	Halls Homes	213	-2	5.1	2.4	25.4
8,982,000	Hampden Homecare	90	..	2.5	2.8	11.0
10.5m	Handley Walker	166	..	..	..	18.7
15.3m	Harmony Leisure	59	..	0.2	0.3	71.1
12.0m	Hasbell Estates	190	..	2.1	1.3	..
86.9m	Hawthorn Leslie	47½	+1	0.3	0.6	47.5
9,762,000	Health Care	71	-5	1.3	1.8	14.2
3,867,000	Heavitree	745	..	16.5	2.2	20.1
7,167,000	Do 'A' LV	680	..	16.5	2.4	18.3
8,794,000	Heverington	128	●-4	4.0	3.1	15.2
12.0m	Hey & Croft	160	●+4	3.4	2.1	11.8
82.3m	Highland Part	238	-8	..	..	52.7
6,232,000	Hille Ergonom	55	+2	2.9	5.3	14.2
13.3m	Hodson	37	+1	0.7	1.9	13.7
44.7m	Hodgson	223	●..	3.3	1.5	19.6
4,440,000	Holders Tech	148	●..	8.0	5.4	..
13.2m	Honeysuckle Gp	163	..	5.6	3.4	15.5
15.7m	Hornby	198	+1	5.5	2.8	13.6
74.7m	Hughes Food	92	..	2.0	2.2	18.0
18.7m	Hughes (H)	102	-1	..	..	23.6
9,297,000	Hurstwood Elec	31	+1	..	..	..
5,522,000	Hydraugh Tech	70	..	0.7	1.0	80.9
3,821,000	INSTEM	85	..	3.4	4.0	17.5
	Image Storage	78	..	..	..	..
5,674,000	Imsec	8½	..	..	..	1.1
4,556,000	InfraRed	71	..	..	..	..
45.1m	Inoco	35	+3	..	..	94.6
6,136,000	Interserve Tech	118	-5	8.8	7.5	5.1
58.9m	Interlink Express	530	+10	12	2.2	18.8
20.3m	Israel (Jack L)	24½	● ..	0.8	3.3	14.3
12.0m	JMD Group	46	-2	..	..	..
35.0m	Jaques Vert	382	..	11.8	3.0	13.7
2,240,000	Jebsens	14	..	..	..	0.5
14.8m	Johnson Fry	110	..	3.7	3.4	13.3
426.8m	Edinburgh	1138	-3	6.2	0.5	87.7
13.6m	JSB Services	260	..	4.4	1.7	25.1
6,450,000	Just Rubber	88	+5	2.8	3.3	13.3
43.5m	Kenyon Secs	243	●..	9.0	3.7	19.5
10.7m	Kewill Systems	180	..	2.9	1.6	13.8
6,378,000	Klenk-Takona	40	..	1.8	4.5	8.0
11.2m	Knobs & Knockers	135	●+7	2.7	2.0	17.5
43.4m	Kunick	44½	-1	1.4	3.1	17.7
6,461,000	LPA Ind	81	..	4.0	4.9	14.1
9,714,000	Laidlaw Thomson	142	..	6.5	4.6	11.9
23.9m	LBMS Plc	197	●..	2.3

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CEI half-time profits should show benefits of reshuffle

TODAY

Interims: ADT, Alida Holdings, James Fisher & Sons, Moorfield Estates, Palma Group, Rockwood Holdings, Scottish Eastern Investment Trust, Woodchester Investments.
Finals: Sandvik (second quarter).

TOMORROW

Cambridge Electronic Industries, the maker of electronic components which was spun off from Philips at the beginning of the decade, should show the benefits of recent management reorganization with its interim figures to end-June.

It has not had the smoothest of rides since its flotation, having underperformed the market for some years. But analysts were pleased by last year's decision to appoint four divisional managing directors — and more recently a new finance director moved in.

Even more recent was the agreed takeover of InfraRed Associates, which will not be reflected in the figures. Mr Patrick Hickey, at Chase Manhattan Securities, is looking for pre-tax profits of £6.5 million, up from £5.03 million last time and at the top end of the market range.

A recent broker's circular on **Northern Engineering Industries** said the group was moving "out of the rust belt and into the sunrise." Such recovery should be on view when it unveils profits for the first six months of this year.

Optimism had been dented by the news this month that badly-needed orders from the Central Electricity Generating Board — worth almost £200 million — to fit four turbines at two proposed power stations had gone to its rival, GEC. The loser was NEI's Parsons turbine plant near Newcastle-upon-Tyne, but the engineer said no write-offs would have to be made.

Undeterred, Mr Sandy Morris of County NatWest is going for pre-tax profits of £16.8 million, up from £14.2 million, rising to £36.5 million for the full year.

Shares in **Taylor Woodrow**, the construction group, have strongly outperformed the market of late, rising by 30 per cent, on takeover hopes fuelled by the announcement that P&O, Sir Jeffrey Sterling's shipping and property group, had increased its holding to more than 8 per cent.

Shareholders will, therefore, be hoping that a good set of interim results will keep the momentum going.

Analysts' pre-tax profits forecasts vary between £25 million and £30 million, against £21.2 million last time.

The group is believed to have traded strongly in the first half. Its worldwide spread of housebuilding activities — including America and Australia — has helped profits to continue on an upward path, while rental income has been rising well.

Taylor Woodrow's net asset value a share was 384p at the last year-end and analysts expect it to rise to about 475p. Overall, analysts are extremely bullish about the group's short-term prospects.

Interims: Cambridge Electronic Industries, EBC Group, Evans Halshaw Holdings, The Ex-Lands, Federated Housing, The Frost Group, Investment Holdings, Gold & Base Metal Mines, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Life Sciences International, Murray International Trust, Northern Engineering Industries, Olives Paper Mill, Scandinavian Bank Group, Taylor Woodrow, Templeton, Galbraith & Hansberger.
Finals: Jos Holdings, Pifco Holdings.

WEDNESDAY

Hanson, the industrial conglomerate, announces third-quarter figures as the market awaits the next acquisition — the last was Kidde, in November, whose fire protection business was sold last week for £150 million.

Analysts favour this side of the Atlantic for the next corporate move, although Lord Hanson, the chairman, has suggested prices in this country are too high for his liking. Certainly, the group is likely to have £1 billion or so in the bank at the September 30 year-end.

Mr Paul Burke at Kleinwort Grieveson is looking for pre-tax profits of £244 million (against £205 million) for the three months to end-June, bringing the nine-month total to £600 million, up from £517 million.

The profit-earners are likely to be Hanson Brick and Ever Ready in this country and SCM and Smith Corona in the US, although Hanson does not provide a divisional breakdown at the nine-month stage.

Marley, the building materials group, reveals results for the six months to June 30 and analysts are forecasting pre-tax profits of between £35 million and £36 million, against last year's £25.1 million.

This perennial takeover favourite's figures will be bolstered by property profits and last January's sale of 28 acres at Poole, Dorset, will contribute £7.5 million. Last year's first-half property contribution was £1.5 million.

Analysts predict good progress at the group's British concrete and clay products division, but expect to hear that its US roof tiles business is still losing money and that the dollar exchange rate has restricted any sterling progress at General Shales.

The recent acquisition of Webster Brick has given Marley a business with a capacity of 1 billion bricks a year in the US and prospects are good, while Nottingham Brick is showing a strong first full-year contribution.

Marley's plastics business will have performed well in the first half, but the Ford strike at the beginning of the year will have hit the automotive products side. However, analysts point out that the group's diversification into the latter has been a success.

It supplies the motor trade with such products as the foam for headrests and armrests and the plastic for bumpers and various items of trim.

Pleasurama, under siege from Mr Michael Guthrie's Mecca Leisure Group, is set to report half-way figures for the first six months of 1988 this week, with Wednesday the favoured day. It is likely, however, to await the formal offer document from Mecca before making the announcement.

Market estimates are for about £20 million before tax, against £16.3 million last time.

Queens Moat Houses, the ambitious hotel group run by Mr John Bairstow, which hit the headlines this month when it increased its stake in Vaux, the brewery and hotels group, to 4.37 per cent, reports half-yearly results.

Analysts expect the group's pre-tax profits to have advanced substantially from last year's interim of £9.1 million. Phillips & Drew, the broker, estimates £19 million, but Barclays de Zoete Wedd suggests £16 million.

Another revitalized engineer has the chance to show its mettle when **Weir Group**, based in Glasgow, reveals profits for the first half to end-June. Barclays de Zoete Wedd is a fan of the stock and Alex Milne is looking for £8 million pre-tax, up from £6.3 million.

Indications from the group that orders would be weighted towards the second half this year mean a forecast of £17.2 million for the full year, £4 million higher than 1987.

All the main pumps businesses are thought to be doing well, with order books for the group as a whole up £20 million to £50 million, at the end of the first quarter against a year previously.

Weir is believed to have about £5 million tax losses in reserve and the pension holiday should continue into next year.

Interims: Barr & Wallace Arnold Trust, Hanson (third quarter), Marley, Queens Moat Houses, Pennine Optical, RKF Group, Victaulic, Weir Group.
Finals: Trans-Natal Coal Corporation.



Lord Hanson: £244m profit expected



John Bairstow: big interim advance likely

THURSDAY

Emess, the light fittings and electrical products group which recently lost to Thorn EMI in the bidding for Holophane, the French lighting company, reports half-way figures to end-June.

In June, the group raised £39 million with a rights issue of preference shares to fund the Holophane offer. This will now be spent on developing its international business.

County NatWest forecasts profits £2 million up on the comparable period last year at £4.5 million.

Ladbroke Group, the hotels, property, do-it-yourself and betting shops group, announces interim results. Mr Peter Hilliar and Miss Jane Anscombe, two analysts at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, expect Mr Cyril Stein, the chairman, to reveal a jump in first-half pre-tax profits to £95 million from last year's £55.2 million.

Business in Ladbroke's four core divisions is understood to have been buoyant, with its British property divisions making sizeable trading profits from the sale of non-investment properties.

The interims will include a first-time contribution from Hilton International, the chain of 91 hotels acquired for £650 million last year.

Interims: Emess, Ericsson (Telefonaktiebolaget LM), Hartons Group, Isle of Man Steam Packet Co, Ladbroke Group, Lec Refrigeration, PLM, Wates City of London Properties.
Finals: Samuel Heath & Sons.

FRIDAY

Jaguar, the luxury car maker headed by Sir John Egan, has been giving the analysts a few problems in quantifying the impact of industrial relations and productivity difficulties on its half-way figures to end-June.

Profit downgradings have been the order of the day this summer, given the company's exposure to the dollar and other currencies and the reported 1 per cent volume drop in US car sales across the board in the first six months of this year.

Mr Keith Williams at BZW is forecasting pre-tax profits of £34 million this time, but says that he would not be surprised if Jaguar fails to meet this figure. Other analysts have reduced their estimates to below this.

Jaguar made £45.7 million pre-tax for the first half of 1987.

Interims: AGA, TF&JH Braime (Holdings), Jaguar, Newmarket Co (second quarter), Parambe, Refuge Group.
Finals: Automagic Holdings, Framlington Far East Fund, West Trust.

Martin Waller and Geoffrey Foster

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GILT-EDGED

Market should not rely on the stock shortage

The huge fluctuations in short-term interest rates that Britain has seen over the past few months could well lead an uninformed observer to imagine there must have been equally sharp fluctuations in prices of gilt-edged securities.

This, however, has by no means been the case for the whole of the gilts market. It has been true that at the short end there have been relatively sharp price falls. But at the long end of the market, prices have hardly changed over the past month.

From an economic viewpoint, the failure of long-term interest rates to move might suggest that the market was confident that the recent rises in short-term interest rates would be sufficient to control inflation in the long run. Although base rates of 11 per cent are not particularly high in the context of recent economic history, the market is giving Mr Lawson the benefit of the doubt.

In effect, the market is assuming that base rates will be raised to whatever level is required to control inflation. It is also assuming — and this is crucial — that rises in short rates will rapidly bring inflation under control, and once this happens, that rates will fall sharply again.

If the market is wrong, the present sharp downward slope of the gilt yield curve — that is, the difference between very short and very long-term interest rates — cannot be justified. With base rates at 11 per cent and long gilt yields at about 9½ per cent this difference is about 1½ per cent. To beat the high returns on shorter assets, investors (if rational) must look for capital gains on longer ones and this can only happen if interest rates generally start falling again.

The market may be right in assuming the sincerity of the Government's anti-inflation stance. The market is probably too optimistic in assuming that the present level of base rates will produce the necessary squeeze to be really effective.

Even though the growth in consumer credit and mortgage lending means that personal expenditure will be increasingly sensitive to interest rate rises, it is still the case that in Britain, borrowing and economic activity are relatively insensitive to interest rate changes. This means that it will take time — and a higher sterling exchange rate — to bring things under control.

From a more market-related viewpoint it is often argued that investors are afraid to sell long gilts because of the "stock shortage." This shortage of gilts has arisen because the public sector is now in surplus. A repayment of debt to the extent of £8 billion is quite likely in 1988-89, to judge by figures released so far this financial year.

It is not quite accurate to say that the slope of the yield curve is explained by an overall stock shortage. What is actually happening is that the authorities have stopped issuing conventional long-term gilt-edged securities. None has been issued so far in 1988-89. Instead we have seen short-dated (zero to seven years) and index linked issues.

For example, no conventional gilt-edged securities with a term to maturity of more than 15 years have been issued since January 1988. Before then there were issues at least every two or three months.

It is perhaps too early to say whether policy has changed and the Government has decided not to issue any more long-term gilts for the time being. However, it is worth noting that such a policy was clearly in place during the early 1980s.

The logic of such a policy is that issuing long-term debt at present yields will prove a costly measure of finance for the Government if inflation and presumably yields do eventually fall.

The argument against is that it is much cheaper in yield terms at the moment to issue long-term. My view is that the latter argument is more likely to be correct but it is certainly possible that the authorities are taking a different view.

There has been some comment about "restructuring" the national debt. In a way, that is what we may already be seeing. The Government effectively is allowing the average maturity of the conventional fixed interest gilts to fall, while boosting the proportion of index-linked.

Indeed, with many issues dropping out of the over-15 year area of the gilt market, there could be a distinct squeeze on the ultra-longs if no further funding is forthcoming. The demand is there from insurance companies and pension funds which will try to buy sufficiently long-term assets to match their liabilities.

So there appear to be quite strong arguments on both the bull and bear tack for long gilts. The fundamental economic arguments and the shape of the yield curve suggest caution, but the stock situation may lead the market to move out of line with fundamentals.

My feeling is that ultimately further rises in interest rates will get the better of the stock shortage argument. This can only be a tentative view at this stage but a resumption of funding in the over-15 year region would change the picture to a more bearish one.

Dr Richard Golding

Head of bond market research, Kleinwort Grieveson Charlesworth

Warning on dirty workwear

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Many British company managers still maintain "workhouse attitudes" when it comes to overalls and other protective clothing for their employees, according to a report. As a result, workers in this country are among the dirtiest in the world, it claims.

The report follows a survey conducted by Industrial Data for the British Workwear Rental Council, which found that while three-quarters of the workforce are provided with protective clothing or overalls, the rest are expected to buy their own. This includes not only items such as boilersuits, but also special protective garments such as flame retardent jackets, boots, safety goggles and helmets.

Half the British workforce are expected to wash their own workwear, regardless of who provided it. The research studied workwear in the food, manufacturing, distribution and retail industries and who buys and cleans it.

Mr John Cropley, chairman of the British Workwear Rental Council gave a warning to employers — particularly in the food industry — that even if a garment looks clean to the naked eye after washing, it could be carrying bacteria. He said today's low-temperature washes often could not remove all soiling.

He said managers had to realize they were putting their businesses at risk. "To make staff responsible for washing their own workwear makes it very difficult to keep standards under control."

The Workwear Report, Part Two. British Workwear Rental Council, 7 Churchill Court, Station Road, North Harrow, Middlesex HA2 7SA. £25.

CBI drive to help firms fill skills gap

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

The Confederation of British Industry is launching a drive to help companies combat growing skill shortages.

Presentations to companies are planned for the autumn at 15 locations around the UK.

Mr John Banham, the CBI director general, said: "Training must be at the top of the agenda for all businesses. Investment to meet the skill needs of tomorrow has never been more important or difficult." His aim is to double the effectiveness of training by British businesses.

The CBI fears that on top of existing skill shortages, Britain faces the demographic "time-bomb" of the falling number of school leavers — a 25 per cent reduction is expected by 1994 — and the effect of the single EEC market.

It means an important challenge which companies will be able to meet only if they ensure training is "adequate, relevant and effective."

The presentations will examine changing skill requirements and the need to extend employee skills and explore ways of making the best use of alternative labour such as women returning to work after career breaks.

Optimism high in R&D sections

By Our Employment Affairs Correspondent

Research and development departments are experiencing a boom period. Optimism abounds, salaries are rising and more companies are expanding their R&D departments.

According to a survey based on 599 companies and 19 specialist research associations, carried out during April and May, optimism within R&D departments was at an all time high, with 67 per cent saying they were more optimistic about prospects than a year ago. The same figure was recorded for research associations and industrial companies.

As a follow on from this, 51 per cent of organizations increased their R&D staff over the past year and 54 per cent said they planned to recruit more this year.

The survey found that Britain's research staff have received average pay rises over the past year of 7.9 per cent. This compares with 5.8 per cent for most general management jobs at equivalent status levels in April.

The survey found that the numbers of research staff benefiting from bonus payments have risen from 19.5 per cent last year to nearly 24.5 per cent this year. They range from between 2.3 per cent of base salary to 9.4 per cent — with the median being 4.6 per cent — £534 on average.

R&D people seem more generously treated for holidays. "Perhaps they research better after a long break and develop faster brains after a period of enforced idleness," the report says. Just under half enjoy 25 days annual holiday, compared to 35 per cent of the rest of the workforce.

Research and Development Survey 1988. (The Reward Group, 1 Mill Street, Stone, Staffs, ST15 8BA. £100).

Falconer's gas flame burns on

Noel Falconer, the champion of the small shareholder, has not yet called a halt to his battle to gain a seat on the British Gas board, despite his defeat last week. Deeply unhappy at the way British Gas conducted the affair — and claiming that the board's assertion at the annual meeting that his application had not been obstructed was untrue — he has, I can reveal, appealed to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. Speaking from his Stockport home, Falconer said: "The redress I will ask for is a fresh postal ballot." A former navigator with the RAF, who then worked in weapons' development for Ferranti before turning to journalism and novel-writing five years ago, Falconer, aged 55, accuses British Gas of playing dirty tricks and winning the vote simply by using delaying tactics. He feels he has been wrongly accused of costing the company £700,000 since he gave formal notice of his intentions on July 19, after three months of correspondence, and well within the required deadline. A letter from British Gas telling him his application was defective — but not saying how — arrived hours after he had left for a holiday, and was posted the day before he met the company's lawyers. "I specifically asked whether proper notice had been received and I understood it had. Surely they had a duty to inform me. At the very least it was a gross discourtesy."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Sally's Seoul challenge

Watching the Olympics with more interest than most will be those at Ball Baker Leake, the City accountant. For one of its employees, Sally Gunnell, aged 22, will be flying to Seoul with the Olympic squad. Gunnell, who has been allowed to work two days a week of late because of her rigorous training schedule, has been chosen to represent Britain in the 100 metres and 400 metres hurdles. A Commonwealth Games gold medalist, she hopes to also make it into the 400 metres relay team. "Sally has been steadily improving her times over recent months and we hope to see her reach her peak in Seoul," says senior partner Peter Phillips.

Laugh away

The Japanese are attempting to use circus clowns to teach their business executives to overcome stress. The Ringling Brothers and the Barnum and Bailey Circus people of America have been called in to set up a circus school in Japan.

"We are sure it will help Japanese businessmen to deal with some of their problems," said Earl Dakan, a clown touring in Japan. But raising a laugh is not easy. Putting 18 clowns in a small car and then seeing how they pile out was considered to be a cert for a giggle. But not so. It was all too close to reality for people used to tackling the Tokyo tube during the morning rush hour.



"I'm in here because I played my cards all wrong — Access, Visa, Lloyds, TSB . . ."

Time's up

All-day drinking will be interpreted as the erosion of yet another archaic British tradition by the Japanese — so says Peter Ewence, of World Business Satellite, which transmits a daily, five-minute English language insert into a business programme on TV Tokyo. Ewence, who will be doing his broadcast today from the Newman Arms in London's Rathbone Street, says: "They have always been somewhat bemused that it was impossible to get a drink in London between 3pm and 5pm."

Expanding horizons

Following the example of their Wall Street cousins, stockbrokers in Britain are, I am told, increasingly turning to shrinks to relieve their stress. But few go so far as to actually become shrinks. Randall Brelsford, the head of corporate communications at Hoare Govett, however, left the firm, on Friday with the intention of doing just that. The Texan is flying home to Houston next weekend to start a two-year degree course in general counselling psychology at Rice University. "I've been thinking about it for a couple of years and it will be nice to spend some time at home — I don't think I've spent more than 48 hours there in a row for the past eight years," he tells me. Brelsford, aged 32, who has a degree in communications, radio and television, has been with Security Pacific, the Californian bank which owns Hoare Govett, for nine years and was sent to London 18 months ago. "I may well stay on and do a PhD which will take another three or four years," he says, "and eventually I would like to have a small private practice, probably in California. I also want to write and do some television work." Asked if he planned to counsel the staff at Hoare Govett he diplomatically replied: "No."

● **Even blue-blooded broker Cazenove is not immune from the City's poachers. The latest recruit at Hoare Govett is traded options salesman Robin Wilson, now with Caz.**

Carol Leonard

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SIEMENS

Information for Siemens shareholders

Business continues to expand

In the first nine months of the current financial year (1 October 1987 to 30 June 1988) Siemens recorded an encouraging growth in new orders and sales. While this business expansion was initially restricted to international operations, new orders from the German market have also expanded in recent months. The performance varied from sector to sector. Net income after taxes was 2% higher than in the same period last year.

New orders

Siemens, comprising Siemens AG and its consolidated domestic and international companies, booked £13,017m in new orders during the first nine months. This is 7% more than the previous year's figure. Domestic orders, up 1%, were slightly higher for the first time this year. International orders continued to expand, showing 12% growth. In the third quarter, major contracts were won by the Telecommunication Networks and Security Systems Group (telecom equipment for Indonesia, Pakistan and Paraguay) and the KWU Group (gas and steam turbines for Finland, Indonesia, the Philippines and Hungary).

in £m	1/10/86 to 30/6/87	1/10/87 to 30/6/88	Change
New orders	**12,139**	**13,017**	**+ 7%**
Domestic business	5,524	5,597	+ 1%
International business	6,615	7,420	+12%

Sales

Siemens total worldwide sales at £12,763m, increased 7%, equalling the growth in new orders. Domestic and international sales showed similar high rates of growth. The strongest sales were recorded by the KWU, Telecommunication Networks and Security Systems, and Electrical Installations and Automotive Systems Groups.

in £m	1/10/86 to 30/6/87	1/10/87 to 30/6/88	Change
Sales	**11,944**	**12,763**	**+ 7%**
Domestic business	5,917	6,381	+ 8%
International business	6,027	6,382	+ 6%

Orders in hand

At £16,613m, orders in hand almost attained the level achieved at the start of the financial year.

in £m	30/9/87	30/6/88	Change
Orders in hand	**16,727**	**16,613**	**– 1%**
Inventories	**7,499**	**7,879**	**+ 5%**

Employees

At the end of June 1988, the company employed 356,000 people worldwide (excluding trainees and student workers). Compared with 30 September last year, there was a marginal 1% decrease in the workforce in Germany, but the number of employees abroad was virtually unchanged. Employment costs increased by 3%.

in thousands	30/9/87	30/6/88	Change
Employees	**359**	**356**	**– 1%**
Domestic operations	229	226	– 1%
International operations	130	130	0%

	1/10/86 to 30/6/87	1/10/87 to 30/6/88	Change
Average number of employees in thousands	**361**	**358**	**– 1%**
Employment costs in £m	**5,425**	**5,604**	**+ 3%**

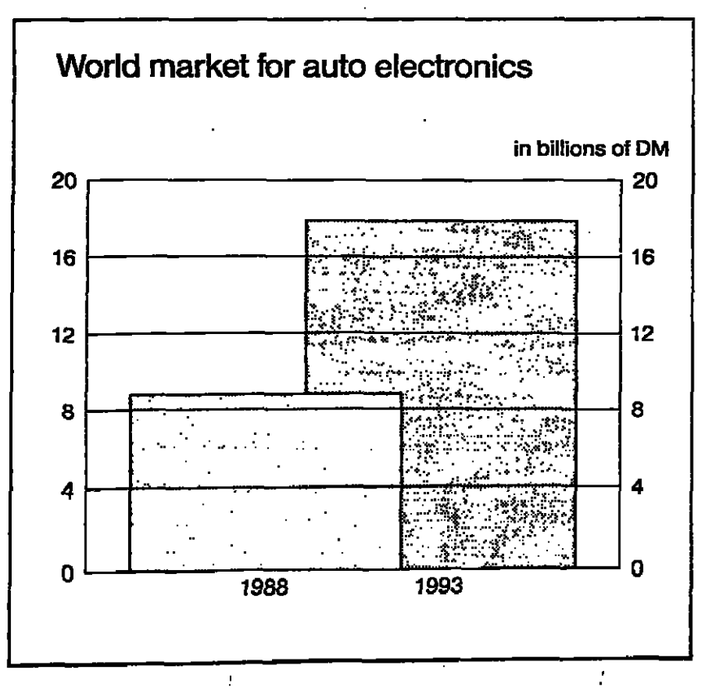
Capital spending and net income

Capital expenditure and investment in the first nine months totalled £867m. This 29% drop was due to lower spending on acquisitions abroad and the accounting method used. By the end of the financial year, capital spending should return to approximately the previous year's level (£1,700m).

Net income after taxes rose 2% to £311m, due to a third quarter which more than compensated for the modest first half.

in £m	1/10/86 to 30/6/87	1/10/87 to 30/6/88	Change
Capital expenditure and investment	**1,220**	**867**	**–29%**
Net income after taxes	**305**	**311**	**+ 2%**
in % of sales	2.6	2.4	

All amounts translated at Frankfurt middle rate on 30/6/1988: £1 = DM 3.112.



Auto electronics – a growth market

Electronics is transforming the motor car. Industry analysts estimate that today's DM 9,000m world market for automobile electronics will at least double within the next five years. Siemens already offers around 300 electronic products and systems that make driving more economical, safer and more enjoyable. Sales of the Automotive Systems Division will expand by over 20% to around DM 800m in the current year. With the recently announced acquisition of a majority holding in the Bendix Electronics group of the U.S., business volume will almost double next year. This opens up further opportunities for Siemens to share in this expanding world market.

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Banks expected to benefit most from Australian budget

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Banks are expected to be the main corporate beneficiaries of the 1988-89 budget, due to be announced tomorrow.

Speculation is rife that Statutory Reserve Deposits (SRDs) – the amounts trading banks are required to deposit with the Reserve Bank at a nominal rate, at present 5 per cent – will be substantially reduced or abolished.

Abolition would enable Australia's top three private trading banks – Westpac Banking Corporation, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ) and National Australia Bank (NAB) – to increase their loans by Aus$2.5 billion (£1.19 billion).

Banking sources noted that prudent banking would dictate that these funds would not be exhausted in new or extended loans.

They added that they expected the banks to be given greater financial freedom shortly. This would be regardless of the SRDs.

The revised capital-adequacy guidelines, following deregulation of the banking sector, are due to be released this week.

These would also augment funds for lending, and hence the banks' profits.

On Friday, Westpac closed at Aus$6.98 (compared with a year's low of Aus$4.50), ANZ at Aus$5.08 (Aus$3.32) and NAB at Aus$6.52 (Aus$4).

Observers believe Mr Paul Keating, the Treasurer, might however be tempted to postpone any planned banking sector announcement tomorrow.

If the speculation is confirmed, he would be embarrassed by the budget leaks.

Meanwhile, the economists are predicting a budget surplus of about Aus$5 billion, an amount the prime minister, Mr Bob Hawke, yesterday refused to rule out.

"That may be too high," he said on television.

Australia ended its last financial year on June 30, 1988 with an Aus$2.28 billion surplus. In 1986-87, it had a Aus$2.72 billion deficit.

Miss Els Termaat of Fay, Richwite and Co, the merchant bank, said yesterday that the outlook for bonds was positive.

"While fiscal tightening will provide scope for monetary policy easing in 1989, there is a risk that monetary policy may be tightened further in the interim," she said.

"For this reason stay long: any negative effect on long bonds should be muted by improved confidence that inflation will fall in the long term."

Mr Keating estimates that inflation in 1988-89 will be 4.5 per cent to 5.5 per cent.

The surplus, if achieved, could prompt the government to reduce its debt.

In July, offshore debts totalled an estimated Aus$13.6 billion.

But it is still expected to raise Aus$1.6 billion in bonds, Aus$600 million less than in 1987-88.

Rolls-Royce hopeful of Bentley launch success

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

The launch in America of the $148,000 (£86,900) Bentley Turbo R on September 8 would appear less than ideal as buyers are cold shouldering European luxury cars – yet Rolls-Royce is confident that its most powerful model will find plenty of customers.

Mr Malcolm Hart, director of sales and marketing at Rolls-Royce, said: "We are pretty hopeful that the Turbo R will follow the success of the other Bentleys in America."

In the last quarter of 1988, 100 Turbo Rs will be shipped to America and Mr Hart expects demand to settle at 150 cars a year.

Last year, the flagship turbocharged car accounted for 810 of the 2,785 vehicles to leave the company's factory in Crewe, Cheshire, and almost a third were sold to captains of British industry.

Rolls-Royce sales have held up well in the US at a time when rivals such as Mercedes, BMW and now Jaguar, have seen sales dip.

From a peak of 1,230 sales in 1976, Rolls-Royce registrations slipped to 908 in 1982 but have shown steady growth since. This year, in a weak market, sales are expected to match the 1,208 sold in 1987.

As rivals have raised prices substantially to cope with the weakening of the dollar, Rolls-Royce found itself well placed to moderate its prices as sales grew, claims Mr Hart.

A few years ago the Bentley Eight was 40 per cent more expensive than the rival Mercedes 560 SEL; now the differential is 20 per cent.

The launch of the Bentley marque in America in late 1986 has proved fundamental to the company's strong position. Demand for Rolls-Royces has fallen modestly while Bentley sales rose to 150 cars last year.



Setting his sights on sales: Malcolm Hart of Rolls-Royce

Bentley is also attracting younger drivers who previously owned rival makes, notably Mercedes. For the first time in decades, Bentley outsold Rolls-Royce in Britain this year. Interest was further generated last year when the Japanese deputy prime minister took delivery of a Bentley Turbo R – in 1988 up to 90 cars will be sold in Japan though this will not satisfy demand.

"Our aspirations are to have separate bodies one day for Rolls-Royce and Bentley though with a common frame under the shell," explained Mr Hart.

Rolls-Royce has always prided itself on the length of time it takes to build a new car but changes are being made to eliminate weeks wasted due to components shortages. As the factory makes the belated change to make manufacturing market-led, up to three weeks will be cut from the 15-week build cycle by ensuring that all the components specific to certain markets are available on the production line.

The new manufacturing control systems will allow management far more flexibility to react to changing market conditions. The 15 to 18 months it takes to switch production from one important market to another will be cut to one third.

US NOTEBOOK

Short-term money keeps its charm as cyclical stocks fall

From Maxwell Newton, New York

The sharp rise in US short-term interest rates has continued, pointing to the most vigorous demand for short-term cash in New York. At the same time, prices of stocks of the "cyclical" US Corporation have fallen markedly below their end-July levels and even further below their July highs.

As of Tuesday, the 30-day rate for General Motors Acceptance Corporation commercial paper has risen to 8.25 per cent. A month ago, this money was costing GMAC 7.30 per cent.

In the secondary Certificate of Deposit markets, 90-day CDs were yielding 8.60 per cent. That seems to point quite definitely to a 10.5 per cent prime rate in the near future.

So the demand for cash in New York appears to be very strong indeed. Banks are benefiting from this, with their spreads widening well.

Another factor helping to push US short rates upwards may be the competition for funds from London. The three-month Euro-sterling deposits last week were yielding an amazing 11.5 per cent while comparable Euro-dollar deposits were yielding 8.75 per cent.

Mr George Somkin, an analyst at the New York firm of Evans & Co, last week pointed to the sudden weakness that has developed in cyclical stocks since the end of July. This weakness has affected technology, chemicals, paper, steel, aluminium and copper stocks.

Comparing present prices with the July capital high, the following are some examples: IBM, $115 was $129; Dow Chemical, now $82 was $93; International Paper, now $44 was $49; USX, now $28 was $33; Alcoa, now $48 was $55; and Phelps Dodge, now $37 was $44.

Activity in the stock market and bond market is minimal. Business is negligible.

The bulk of money continues to flow into the very short end of the market – into commercial paper, CDs and money market funds.

The attraction is the very high rate being offered. If you can receive 8.5 per cent on a 99-day CD, the secondary CD market, why bother about a 10-year US note yielding 9.3 per cent!

The dominant expectation that all interest rates are going higher is also frustrating any interest in medium or long-term debt.

At some point, the demand for short-term credit will collapse, short-term rates will tumble and there will be a scramble to match the high medium and long-term yields now available.

There is no support for such ideas at this time.

A further rise in short-term rates is the overwhelming expectation.

Meanwhile, with persistant attacks by central banks and huge increases in German and British interest rates (three-month Euro-deposit rates for these two currencies are up 50 per cent since June 1) the dollar has continued to rise.

By Thursday August 18, the US September dollar contract has risen from 88.8 to 98.7 – an increase of 11.5 per cent over the four months since mid-April.

There was a small correction in the week to July 22, when the September dollar contract fell from over 98 to a low of 95.5.

But all the lost ground has now been made up and new highs have been set.

Another important negative item in the US growth equation is the freeze on the expansion of US government spending. We have become used to the idea that federal government spending has ceased growing in real terms.

In the second quarter of the current year, real federal government purchases of goods and services were lower than the level of the second quarter of 1986.

But now, in a startling new progression, the level of nominal (current prices) totals of the federal government expenditures has not increased between the fourth quarter of 1987 and the second quarter of 1988.

Thus, any move by a new Administration in 1989 to raise taxes could add to the drag on economic expansion now being exerted on federal spending.

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1	Yorkshire	Textiles	
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8	Control Secs	Property	
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11	Star Comp	Industrials S-Z	
12	Midsummer	Leisure	
13	Ibstock Johnsen	Building,Roads	
14	Lowe HS & B	Paper,Print,Adv	
15	Arlington Secs	Property	
16	Tarmac (aa)	Building,Roads	
17	Volex	Electricals	
18	Wagon Ind	Industrials S-Z	
19	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
20	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
21	Cambridge Elec	Electricals	
22	Asda	Property	
23	Sears (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
24	Reed Int (aa)	Newspapers,Pub	
25	DRG	Paper,Print,Adv	
26	Fife Indmar	Industrials E-K	
27	Westmex	Industrials S-Z	
28	Brown & Tawse	Industrials A-D	
29	WPP	Paper,Print,Adv	
30	Haynes Publishing	Newspapers,Pub	
31	Monotype	Industrials L-R	
32	Hanimex	Industrials E-K	
33	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
34	Baird (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
35	Hopkinsons	Industrials E-K	
36	Hestair	Industrials E-K	
37	Jacksons Bourne	Industrials E-K	
38	Lec Refrigeration	Electricals	
39	Attwoods	Building,Roads	
40	Barr (AG)	Foods	
41	Staveley	Industrials S-Z	
42	Wiggins	Building,Roads	
43	ASW	Industrials A-D	
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BREWERIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
30.5m	Reb Bros	76	..	6.3	8.4	14.9
445.3m	Rothschild (J) Hld	144	+1	10.7	7.4	15.7
1,041.7m	Ryl Sh Scot (aa)	362	+4	17.9	4.9	7.0
238.4m	Schroders	297½	-½	22.6	7.6	12.6
809.7m	Stand Chart (aa)	620	+17	48.7	9.0	9.5
1,620.0m	TSB (aa)	108	+1	8.6	8.1	7.2
101.6m	Ulster Tst	543	-2	28.4	7.1	12.3
575.9m	Warburg SG	312	..	15.3	4.9	8.3
48.6m	Do 6% 'A'	113	..	8.2	7.3	..
1,975.0m	Wells Fargo	1274	..	..	..	..
38.2m	Walnut	453	-5	9.3	2.1	16.3

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
88.8m	Abbey	282	-5	..	..	..
367.1m	Amec	386	..	16.3	5.0	10.9
69.4m	Anglo Sec	483	-5	3.4	0.7	27.2
59.6m	Anglo Utd	48	-1	1.5	2.7	20.9
9,400.0m	Ansells	1185	-5	54.1	2.8	11.8
168.2m	Ashtenda	194	-1	8.5	3.8	11.3
1,177.2m	BPB Ind (aa)	2388	+17	113.3	3.9	10.6
54.8m	Baggeridge Brick	203	..	5.6	1.7	20.7
4,494.0m	Barratt Dev (aa)	1355	+17	62.2	2.2	17.8
329.6m	Barratt Dev's	1355	+17	62.2	2.2	17.8
59.2m	Bellway	224	-1	11.0	4.7	11.3
29.2m	Bellwinch	84	..	2.9	3.1	8.5
59.2m	Berisford Op	302	..	4.7	1.5	11.0
17.2m	Bett Bros	115	..	4.6	3.8	21.2
48.9m	Blockleys	380	..	8.5	2.2	21.2
1,188.4m	Blue Circle (aa)	459	..	20.0	4.4	10.9
20.6m	Bovis (Henry)	288	..	19.5	6.8	8.2
34.4m	Breedon PLC	245	..	7.8	3.2	32.8
24.6m	Br Dredging	144	..	6.9	4.8	31.4
274.5m	Bryant	137	..	4.4	3.2	16.2
28.5m	CRH	1328	..	..	..	..
9,889.0m	Cahebread Robey	1328	..	5.1	4.0	22.9
207.2m	Caradon	341	..	10.7	3.1	12.6
97.8m	Church Charles	113	..	1.3	1.2	12.3
70.6m	Coal Dev Grp	185	..	7.5	2.1	12.1
9,283.0m	Cogent PLC	1090	+11	44.0	4.0	12.4
550.0m	Costain	317	..	13.2	4.2	12.6
108.5m	Countywide	298	..	3.6	1.9	14.5
163.3m	Crest Nicholson	218	..	8.5	3.8	11.0
13.7m	Crouch James	125	..	2.7	2.1	11.7
44.4m	Douglas (Bill)	285	..	5.7b	1.9	22.9
18.5m	Edmund Hdgs	35½	..	1.1	2.8	17.7
28.8m	Emh	84	..	4.1	4.3	12.8
25.8m	Fed'rated Hsg	218	..	8.9	4.1	25.8
24.1m	Finlay Gp	98	..	5.6	5.5	10.7
40.2m	Galliford	84	..	3.8	5.5	15.4
4,324.0m	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	280	..	9.5	1.4	34.0
68.0m	Gleeson (AG)	260	..	9.5	3.6	11.2
31.8m	Harrison Ind	285	..	8.1	3.4	12.5
165.5m	Hawden-Stuart	123	..	2.7	2.2	12.4
139.5m	Heywood Williams	282	..	13.3	4.7	16.3
124.6m	Higgs & Hill	369	..	12.9	3.5	11.5
33.4m	How Gp	95	..	4.1	4.3	10.8
15.3m	Howard Hdge	61	..	1.7	2.8	16.2
383.1m	Ibstock Johnsen	195	+5	5.5	2.8	12.7
19.2m	Ind Fin Inv & Scns	170	..	..	..	..
139.2m	Laing (J)	388	..	..	..	..
78.4m	Lawrence (Walter)	169	-1	6.5	3.8	10.6
65.4m	Lilley (FJG)	541	..	..	..	63.4
132.6m	Lovell (Y J)	2331	..	7.9	3.0	11.8
433.4m	Magnet (aa)	2324	..	10.0	4.3	12.2
59.2m	Marchers	199	..	7.3	3.7	22.2
488.4m	Marley	179	+12	6.9	4.1	12.1
107.3m	Marshalls (Halifax)	345	..	9.7	4.0	11.8
27.8m	Maunders (J)	115	..	2.9	2.5	11.5
149.2m	McAlpine (Alfred)	433	..	21.5	5.1	8.5
217.2m	McCarthy & S	482	-7	5.7	1.3	13.0
589.2m	Meyer Int	416	..	12.7	3.1	13.4
12.3m	Milbury (Holdings)	373	..	23.6	6.3	9.7
518.0m	Mowlem (John)	98	..	..	..	..
140.9m	Nthn	196	..	10.2	5.2	61.4
185.8m	Norwest Hldg	218	..	11.0	5.1	12.7
110.7m	Pauling & Tonks	174	..	10.3	5.9	12.7
129.3m	Pentemoon	178	..	7.1	4.0	13.7
15.8m	Phoenix Timber	114	..	3.3	2.9	11.3
7,966.0m	Pochin	785	+30	21.9	2.8	8.4
25.2m	Press	228	..	..	..	..
810.2m	RMC Gp (aa)	477	..	31.2	6.5	11.5
112.9m	Raine Ind	96	..	2.7	2.8	18.5
1,120.1m	Redland (aa)	414	..	21.1	5.1	8.8
75.1m	Redrow	218	..	8.7	4.0	11.2
372.6m	Rugby Group	330	..	15.7	4.8	11.7
109.6m	Shanks & Mcew	288	..	8.5	2.9	15.1
44.6m	Sheffield Forge	230	..	9.2	4.0	12.5
14.3m	Smart (J)	142	..	7.2	5.1	21.2
507.7m	Stanley	348	..	12.3	3.6	12.1
1,713.5m	Tarmac (aa)	241	..	8.9	4.1	11.8
267.2m	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	2268	..	9.3	1.4	14.7
77.5m	Tilbury Group	335	..	12.8	3.8	12.6
127.4m	Travis & Arnold	361	..	8.9	2.5	13.3
12.9m	Trent	188	..	2.6	1.1	27.7
73.7m	Tunnel	335	+1	11.1	3.3	15.2
65.2m	Viboquard	163	..	..	..	..
33.5m	Ward Group	151	..	5.9	3.9	14.3
83.0m	Watts, Blake	313	..	8.4	2.7	14.8
117.8m	Westbury	238	..	7.3	3.1	8.7
45.8m	Wiggins	121	..	4.2	3.5	8.4
164.2m	Wilcon Bowden	248	..	5.8	2.4	13.7
329.1m	Wilson (Connolly)	186	..	2.7	1.5	14.1
684.8m	Wimpey G (aa)	243	+3	9.3	3.8	10.2
15.4m	YRM	129	+1	4.0	3.1	12.0

BUILDING MATERIALS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
84.8m	CASE	128	+2	1.0	0.8	68.1
4,002.0m	Cable Wireless (aa)	392	+5	8.9	2.3	15.3
101.1m	Camrange Elec	261	+6	11.6	4.4	12.9
54.8m	Camrange Instr	68	..	4.0	5.9	12.5
128.6m	Chloride	55	-2	2.7	4.9	14.9
134.8m	Cray Elect	231	-2	4.4	1.9	22.4
49.2m	Crystalate	156	-1	7.8	5.0	7.5
4,985.0m	DOT Group	178	..	7.9	4.4	15.7
1,944.0m	Do 'A'	54	-2	2.0	3.7	12.2
65.5m	Domino	327	-1	4.3	1.3	16.3
57.6m	Dowding & Mills	68	..	2.5	4.0	15.2
430.1m	Electrocomponents	311	+1	9.8	2.7	14.4
10.3m	Elec Data Process	121	..	2.8	2.3	10.3
1,850.0m	Electronic Mach	75	..	1.2	1.6	61.5
309.1m	Emess	232	-4	10.7	2.3	17.8
110.3m	Eurotherm	168	+2	8.5	5.1	12.4
574.4m	FKI Babcock (aa)	132	..	3.1	2.3	11.5
192.8m	Farnell Elect	152	-16	4.8	3.2	11.6
752.3m	Ferranti Int (aa)	97	+3	3.1	3.2	11.7
21.8m	Fenwal Tech	62	..	1.4	2.3	10.1
4,339.0m	GEC (aa)	182½	+1½	8.7	5.4	9.6
18.6m	Harland Simon	301	+5	3.2	1.1	15.4
6,214.0m	Highland Elect	71	..	3.4	4.8	10.5
161.5m	Hoskyns Gp	403	..	9.2	2.3	16.7
13.3m	ITL Gp	43	..	2.7	6.3	7.9
37.8m	Johns Stroud	203	..	6.0	2.9	10.5
19.3m	Kode	244	-1	20.7	8.5	11.2
23.1m	Lec Refrigeration	182	+5	18.5	4.8	10.6
59.5m	Life Sciences	351	+1	1.0	1.8	35.3
215.9m	Logica	357	+1	2.6	0.7	25.0
54.8m	Micro 4	263	..	3.7	2.7	23.8
67.1m	Memec	348	..	9.7	2.3	18.1
71.2m	MBS	71	-2	1.4	2.0	16.3
69.5m	Microfilm Repro	433	..	4.3	0.9	44.8
18.3m	Micro Focus	150	..	..	..	15.2
50.6m	Microgen	240	-2	8.9	3.3	14.8
105.0m	Misys	138	+8	..	..	..
9,450.0m	Multitone Elect	183	-2	2.1e	3.3	47.4
10.5m	Murray Elect	136	..	6.3	0.9	92.1
9,574.0m	Newmark (Louis)	1323	..	19.5	9.1	16.8
228.3m	NEI	398	-5	7.0b	7.1	31.2
5,471.0m	Oceonics	48	..	..	4.0	..
120.4m	Oxford Instruments	258	+1	3.5	1.4	16.8
34.1m	P-E International	218	-1	4.9	2.3	15.0
64.8m	P J P	229	..	4.7	2.1	..
141.7m	Peak	58	..	2.4	0.8	32.9
9,996.0m	Philips Fin Sh'A%	577½	..	575	7.4	..
2,547.0m	Philips Lamps N/V	69½	..	..	..	..
5,382.0m	Plessey	215	-5	9.6	3.9	9.9
3,438.0m	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	197	+5	9.6	4.9	7.8
1,208.4m	Pressey (aa)	183	+1	6.9	5.5	10.2
42.8m	Pressac	172	..	7.3	4.3	17.7
17.3m	Quest Automation	73	..	2.0	2.8	17.5
2,025.1m	Racal Elect (aa)	320	-5	6.0	1.9	22.6
5,261.0m	Ross	128	+1	4.7	3.9	12.6
165.7m	SD-Scicon	91	..	3.9	4.3	12.5
46.9m	Scantronic	118	-3	2.1	1.8	18.9
63.0m	Scholes (GH)	486	+10	28.6	4.3	15.8
9,671.0m	Sextron	183	..	3.0	3.0	43.3
47.3m	Sound Diffusion	34	..	0.3	0.9	11.4
1,565.8m	STC (aa)	383	-15	10.3	3.5	12.6
2,800.7m	TDK	2231½	..	21.3	0.5	13.9
210.4m	Telephone Rentals	236	..	11.8	4.9	17.3
30.7m	Telspec	55	..	..	..	..
49.3m	Therm Scientific	151	..	5.3	3.5	9.9
1,823.4m	THORN EMI (aa)	566	-6	29.3	4.4	12.5
55.7m	Tunstall	350	..	5.0	1.4	16.3
277.1m	UEI	243	..	5.3	2.2	16.6
100.6m	Unitech	218	..	12.1	5.6	11.0
104.4m	Utd Scientific	188	..	9.2	4.9	14.4
169.5m	VG Instruments	328	..	8.2	1.9	10.9
57.2m	Volex	393	-5	16.9	4.2	10.6
14.3m	Western Selection	169	..	4.7	2.7	10.2
67.6m	Wholesale Fring	485	..	17.2	3.5	15.3

FINANCE, LAND

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
49.3m	Abingworth	248	..	1.7	0.7	..
57.2m	Aitken Hume	76	..	3.3	4.3	14.9
94.3m	Anglo Hispanic	318	+1	13.7	4.3	9.2
25.5m	Ass Heritage	91	..	2.5	2.8	36.2
23.7m	Authority Inv	283	..	8.0	3.0	12.0
	Berkeley Govett	157	..	..	..	..
785.2m	Br Commonwlth (aa)	239	..	11.0	4.6	10.1
25.6m	Burns-Anderson	111	..	6.6	4.5	17.1
23.5m	Camellia	2231½	..	20.3	1.1	44.7
27.8m	Candover	385	..	12.3	3.2	23.5
4,542.0m	Centrewey	128	..	1.3	1.1	23.6
183.0m	Christie Int	218	..	17.6	3.8	11.8
18.8m	Harvey&Thompson	443	..	12.3	2.8	22.1
22.3m	Indl Fin Inv	98	..	4.8	4.9	15.8
40.2m	Ivory & Sime	130	..	7.7	5.9	15.6
32.8m	LIT	29	..	2.9	9.9	11.2
53.2m	Malvern	203	..	8.0	3.9	14.3
107.7m	Nat Home Loans	117	..	8.0	7.7	10.5
18.8m	Newmarket	76	..	..	..	..
15.0m	Parrish Pic	199	..	1.3	0.7	22.3
5,281.0m	Silvermere Plc	135	..	..	..	..
183.4m	Singer & Fried	82	..	1.4	1.7	27.2
151.2m	Templeton Glbth	126	..	4.3	3.4	8.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
7,142.9m	American Express	2171/2	..	..	..	..
17.9m	Argyle	84	..	4.1	4.9	22.0
263.6m	Britannia Arrow	108	..	7.3	6.7	8.1
157.1m	Daily Mail	2311/2	..	24.7	3.8	14.4
201.6m	Drayton Con	1021/2	..	8.2	3.2	12.5
35.5m	Frost Gp	351	..	9.3	3.7	20.0
74.3m	GT Management	163	..	6.7	4.4	7.7
144.6m	Goode Durrant	1981/2	..	8.2	4.1	17.7
144.8m	Henderson Admin	265	..	10.6	4.0	25.6
	Hill Samuel	1981/2	..	8.2	4.1	17.7
5,661.0m	MAI	1241/2	..	5.1	4.1	24.4
232.2m	MAM	350	..	16.0	4.6	21.9
298.3m	M & G	375	..	15.0	4.0	25.0
96.0m	Rea Bros	43	..	2.2	5.1	21.2
95.2m	Rea Bros New Court	133	-10	10.7	8.0	12.4
74.4m	Tyndall Hldgs	138	-1	6.9	5.1	13.2

FOODS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
1,398.8m	AB Food (aa)	312	-3	11.1	3.5	10.4
1,780.0m	Allpins Group (aa)	155	+1	5.5	3.5	12.3
8,108.0m	Allpins Group	33	-2	..	..	..
3.2m	Appleyards Hldgs	135	-5	4.1	3.0	24.4
1,668.5m	Argyll (aa)	185	-3	7.1	3.8	14.1
29.1m	Assoc Fisheries	168	..	6.7	4.0	16.6
13.4m	Banks (Sidney C)	213	-5	8.3	3.9	13.1
120.7m	Barlow & Dobson	278	..	14.0	5.0	11.8
42.8m	Barr (AG)	678	+5	17.3	2.6	11.9
38.4m	Bassett Foods	278	-2	10.4	3.7	14.4
15.4m	Batleys	108	+10	2.2	3.0	15.1
210.0m	Bells	188	..	8.9	4.1	14.3
738.5m	Bertsford (S&W)	385	-15	19.3	5.0	15.5
509.4m	Booker	369	-4	21.3	5.5	13.9
32.1m	Bonbrook	61	..	0.7	1.1	..
103.0m	Brake Bros	232	..	8.7	3.7	20.6
2,318.9m	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	357	+12	11.0	2.8	21.6
17.3m	Cerrs Milling	253	..	9.7	3.8	9.0
13.6m	Clifords Dairies	480	..	12.1	2.5	24.5
391.4m	Do 'A'	298	+8	12.1	4.1	12.2
16.1m	Cultens	70	..	..	..	..
744.4m	Delgety (aa)	537	-2	19.2	5.7	13.6
5,811.0m	Daniels S	76	-2	4.5	5.9	15.9
1,545.0m	Dee (aa)	174	+2	11.3	6.5	11.4
4,102.0m	England (J)	62	..	..	..	..
196.2m	Fit Fyffes	133	+10	5.5	2.3	22.1
378.8m	Fisher (A)	168	+5	8.5	3.0	19.8
227.4m	Fitch Lovell	285	..	18.0	3.6	11.5
107.6m	Forebairs	160	..	3.7	2.3	23.6
179.8m	Geest	268	..	9.5	2.1	28.9
249.9m	Hazlewood Foods	234	+4	9.5	1.5	17.9
1,170.4m	Hillsdown	295	+1	12.5	4.2	11.8
44.1m	Hunter Saphir	182	+1	5.4	3.0	16.1
115.7m	Iceland Frozen	355	..	6.6	1.7	20.6
5,556.0m	Kwik Save	365	..	9.7	2.7	18.4
5,870.0m	Lambs Fenton Jt	138	..	2.1	1.5	18.2
1,304.0m	Lovell (CF)	138	-10	2.7	2.0	26.3
83.0m	Low (Wm)	635	+1	21.2	3.3	14.6
103.2m	Matthews (Bernard)	82	+1	2.4	2.9	11.5
7,885.0m	Moss Trade Supp	280	-2	7.7	2.7	11.6
243.5m	Morrison (W)	280	-2	7.7	2.7	15.6
48.6m	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	260	..	10.6	4.2	14.4
35.3m	Normans	81	+1	2.8	4.8	12.2
629.6m	Nthn Foods (aa)	295	-8	13.5	4.7	11.5
155.7m	Nurdin & Peacock	163	+1	5.9	3.6	14.7
20.0m	Park Foods	195	+5	6.6	3.4	12.1
5,158.0m	Ptarmigan	65	..	..	..	..
1,423.1m	RHM (aa)	2191/2	-39	14.2	3.4	17.1
12,938.1m	Ranks Hovis (aa)	2191/2	..	20.7	1.9	27.3
3,268.0m	Sainsbury (J) (aa)	218	-5	5.6	2.6	16.9
488.5m	Salvesen (Chas)	1751/2	..	5.5	3.1	17.0
1,241.7m	Tate & Lyle (aa)	354	-7	37.0	10.4	9.5
2,748.0m	Tavener Rutledge	95	..	1.7	1.8	12.0
2,201.0m	Tesco (aa)	148	+1	3.8	2.6	14.3
83.4m	Thomsons	132	..	..	..	..
704.6m	Unigate (aa)	290	+1	16.9	5.8	12.3
1,206.2m	Utd Biscuits (aa)	230	+1	15.1	6.6	12.4
32.5m	Watson & Philip	214	+1	11.1	5.2	15.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
24.1m	Friendly Hotels	257	+5	2.4	0.9	17.2
4,497.0m	Grand Met (aa)	514	+3	17.3	3.4	14.4
1,916.5m	Ladbroke (aa)	452	+5	16.2	3.6	15.4
122.8m	Norfolk Cap Gp	294	..	9.8	3.3	23.6
48.4m	Mount Charlotte	169	-2	7.7	4.6	17.4
407.2m	Resort Hotels	1941/2	..	9.8	5.1	12.9
9,363.0m	Rank Org	1981/2	+1	9.8	5.0	12.9
248.4m	Savoy Hotels 'A'	880	-10	24.0	2.7	37.1
283.2m	Stakis	152	-5	6.5	4.3	17.2
1,971.9m	Trusthouse Fr (aa)	282	-5	8.5	3.0	17.2

INDUSTRIALS A-D

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
27.4m	AAF Inv	180	-5	6.9	4.3	10.2
172.2m	AAH	272	..	13.6	5.0	9.6
	ADT (aa)	141	..	..	..	..
77.9m	AGB Research	178	..	6.0	3.4	14.1
28.5m	AMI	108	..	4.3	4.0	11.1
	AMI Health	45	..	..	..	..
40.5m	APG	58	..	2.1	3.6	14.1
941.7m	APV	117	..	5.8	5.0	12.6
118.6m	ASW	179	..	..	..	..
45.5m	Aaronson	118	..	2.4	2.0	10.2
110.0m	Ashtead	348	..	15.2	4.4	15.3
22.1m	Aerospace Eng	169	..	3.9	2.3	16.5
19.3m	Alexandra Wheter	98	..	4.4	4.5	10.5
30.2m	Alumasc	267	..	10.5	4.0	8.8
9,070.0m	Amber Ind	348	..	14.7	4.2	12.6
22.4m	Arenson	167	..	2.8	1.7	24.3
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30.9m	Ash & Lacey	735	-10	41.1	5.6	11.3
12.7m	Ashley	91	..	..	..	..
9,981.0m	Ass Br Eng	390	-5	16.7	4.4	..
2,498.0m	Do 8%	2001/2	-5	16.7	8.4	..
93.7m	Aurora	611/2	..	3.8	3.8	18.3
78.0m	Avdel	611/2	..	..	..	..
625.2m	Avis Europe	280	..	12.0	3.3	16.0
127.1m	Avon Rubber	233	..	11.3	4.8	15.3
1,360.0m	BAA (aa)	272	-7	11.3b	5.5	15.5
364.6m	BBA	178	..	4.5	2.4	11.0
1,623.1m	BET Ord (aa)	231	..	10.3	5.0	11.9
104.1m	BET Gp	408	..	18.0	4.4	11.3
1,854.7m	BOC (aa)	407½	-4	18.0	4.4	11.3
127.3m	BSG	84	..	2.7	4.2	10.5
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3,758.0m	Barnes Transport	750	..	32.0p	4.3	65.8
39.5m	Bayless (Charles)	31	..	..	..	..
7,469.0m	Bear Brand	8	..	0.7	7.8	1.8
27.3m	Beeson Clark	168	..	11.6	6.1	47.4
12.6m	Beesford	188	..	5.6	2.8	16.8
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EDUCATION

Clear the decks for action

The scramble for university places is on again. Sam Kiley looks at the referees

This week staff of the Polytechnic Central Admissions System (PCAS) at Cheltenham were put on a "war footing." Mike Scott, the applications manager, almost doubled the staff to about 65. Just around the corner Philip Oakley, his opposite number at the Universities Central Council on Admissions, and the council's general secretary, hired an extra 70 temporary helpers for his staff of 123.

It is up to Messrs Scott and Oakley to process about 100,000 students lucky enough to have won a place at the college of their choice.

They also run a clearing system for institutions that still have vacancies – an option taken up by at least 43,000 candidates who have not managed to get the grades they had hoped for.

On September 1, when the clearing process is in full swing and both organizations are desperately trying to marry candidates to places, they start the whole process over again by sending out about 320,000 university and polytechnic application forms to next year's hopefuls. "This is a bad time of year for us," says Mr Scott.

Last year, UCCA processed 176,246 applications while PCAS dealt with about 140,000. According to Mr Oakley, about 45 per cent of candidates every year find themselves without a university place after getting their A-level results. The proportion is about the same for polytechnics.

For those who have narrowly missed getting the required A-level grades for their course, his advice is to sit tight while the university has time to sift through the applications. It may find there is room for the near-miss candidate.

For those lucky enough to have won a place at college, this is the end of a year of hopping through bureaucratic hoops; of grinding through piles of A-level course work for exams in the summer heat. For the rest, there is some way to go.

The process for all candidates begins at the start of their last year at school. Sixth-formers fill in UCCA and/or PCAS forms, which have to be sent to the admissions centres by mid-December – with a choice of five universities or four polytechnics and a reference from a teacher. ("A really rancid reference is the best way to get an interview", says Mr Scott. "Tutors want to see if you're as bad as they say.") The forms are then sent to the institutions.

Some candidates will get rejected out of hand, others will be called up for an interview before a decision is made.

The succesful candidate at this stage will receive an "offer" from some, or all, colleges of his or her choice.



Philip Oakley, left, and Mike Scott with some of the 100,000-odd notices on their way to students

The offer takes the form of a minimum set of A-level grades required of the candidate. He then chooses a first preference, and a standby place.

If he gets the grades required by his first choice, he must take up the place, and the college must make room for him – the only alternative is to withdraw from the system and re-apply the following year. If he misses the first option, but gets the grades for his standby place, he is likewise committed.

About 80,000 sixth-formers wanting to go to university last year were unlucky on both counts. About 18,700 applied for a university place through clearing and 7,500 succeeded, while 25,300 tried for a place in the same way at a polytechnic and about 5,000 were found courses that suited them.

Mr Oakley says: "Entering the clearing system is the final lifeline for those students who have not been able to get a place first time around."

Mr Scott adds that many do not have a chance at the clearing process, either because they retake the A-levels and try again next year, or give up altogether.

Place invaders

From next Wednesday, all places available through clearing will be published daily in *The Times*. Eligible applicants will automatically be sent clearing entry forms and an explanatory leaflet from UCCA or PCAS.

Says Phillip Oakley, UCCA general secretary: "It is up to the candidate to contact the institution where there is a place and find out what they are looking for. The most productive method of obtaining a university place is when the candidate makes contact with an institution, which then submits a 'Q' form to us requesting the candidate's papers." However, all is not lost if a candidate has failed to find an institution prepared to ask for his or her papers. UCCA/PCAS matches the choice of course on the clearing forms with vacancies that exist in similar fields and will continue to do so until a candidate is placed or clearing ends.

A clearing panel will try to place candidates for whom the computer has failed – particularly those for whom no room can be found on vocational courses such as medicine but could be accepted on an alternative degree course. The system works in exactly the same way for polytechnic candidates, who should apply through PCAS, which is computer-linked to UCCA. Both PCAS and UCCA stress that the candidate must try to be as flexible as possible. As Mr Oakley says: "Candidates suffer from not being flexible enough over the regions in which they would like to study or the subjects for which they are prepared to be considered.

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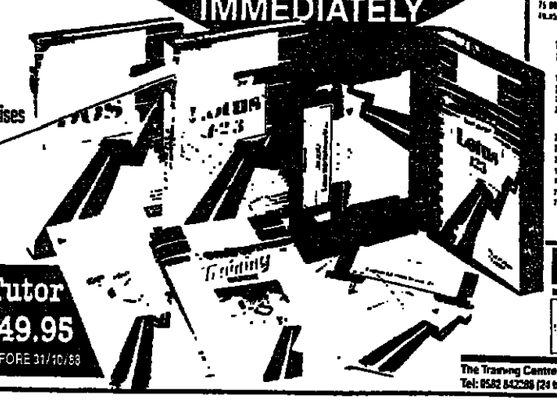
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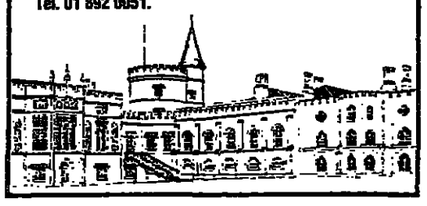
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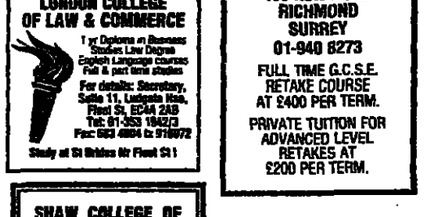
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Aldridge rises above the mediocrity

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Liverpool 2
Wimbledon 1

One man alone was inspired at Wembley on Saturday. The Charity Shield, watched by the lowest crowd ever to assemble in the national stadium for the traditional opening fixture, was distinguished by little more than the scorer of both of Liverpool's goals, John Aldridge.

The rest of the afternoon, punctuated occasionally by Wimbledon's typical and unacceptably raw aggression, was filled with as little quality as the FA Cup final. As an advertisement for the forthcoming season, the spectacle was so dreary as to be almost devoid of interest – except for the decisive contribution of Aldridge.

Momentarily, at least, he has stepped out of the shadow of Rush. The graduate of Juventus may be the most expensive player in British history but logically he should open the second half of his Liverpool career with an unaccustomed number on the back of his red shirt: A No. 12.

Even if Rush is fully fit, a factor which will become more evident during the week, he is unfamiliar with the formation which was developed as soon as he departed a year ago by Kenny Dalglish. The transition was successful, as he himself admitted.

"They don't miss me," Rush said last autumn. "They are probably a better side than last season." Rather than relying solely on his extraordinary opportunism, Liverpool's attack was stretched across a broader and more varied front. Instead of containing one forward, their opponents had to cope with three or more.

Aldridge, credited with 29 goals (albeit 11 from penalties) was the most prolific. Blending instinctively with Barnes and Beardsley, he and his accomplices more than compensated for the absence of the most fearsome forward in Europe. Rush's return, therefore, could be more gradual than immediate.

Aldridge is not yet prepared to yield his position. "Ian may be the best striker in the world but I'm going to make it hard for the manager," he said. "I will go out and do my best to show that I'm worthy of a place."

Rush may even combine with his supposed understudy. Dalglish pointed out that "they have played together before and done well." With Beardsley dropping back into a supporting role, Liverpool's attack would be even more of a potentially frightening prospect. Yet their defence promises to be mercifully vulnerable.

Without the influence of Hansen, the epitome of serenity, their back four can be forced into errors. The rest of the first division would do well to follow Wimbledon's example, set in May and on Saturday. If Liverpool's defenders are harried whenever they are in possession, their distribution becomes uncharacteristically untidy.

Liverpool could strengthen their security, and accommodate the plan to use both Aldridge and Rush, by employing three defenders. Once Hansen has completed his recuperation from a knee operation, he could act as a sweeper behind accomplished markers such as Gillespie and Nicol, with Houghton and Barnes protecting the flanks.

In spite of last season's achievements, there is room for improvement and particularly on their performance at Wembley, as Dalglish conceded. But for the talented Wise and the ebullient Fashanu, respectively the creator and scorer of their goal, Wimbledon cannot be regarded as more than a mediocre, although awkward, side.

Their line-up may have altered but not their tactics. Tracey, who waited five years to make his goalkeeping debut, launches their ideas from the back as regularly as did Beasant. Nor, regrettably, has their attitude changed. McMahon in particular was the victim of rugged assaults by Young, Gibson, Fashanu and Sanchez.

Watson, Hansen's temporary replacement, was given a bloody facial wound by Fashanu during one of the numerous duels in the air. Phelan and Aldridge, who were involved in a brief and unseemly scuffle, were booked and McMahon was also cautioned for challenging the young goalkeeper.

The supposed showpiece was similarly marred by other less-than-attractive incidents. The sight of Tracey sprinting on to the running track to kick the ball away and remove the possibility of Liverpool taking a quick throw-in, for example, was profoundly depressing.

So were Liverpool's negative ploys towards the end. Awarded a free kick in Wimbledon's half, they could think of nothing more adventurous than to seek comfort in the arms of their goalkeeper some 60 yards away.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar, G Gillespie, B Venison, G Ablett, R Whelan, A Watson, P Beardsley, J Aldridge, R Houghton, J Barnes, S McMahon.
WIMBLEDON: S Tracey, J Scales (sub: A Clement), T Phelan, V Ryan, E Young, P Cawley, T Gibson, C Fairweather, J Fashanu (sub: R Turner), L Sanchez, D Wise
Referee: J Martin.



Riposte to Rush: Aldridge celebrates his second goal in the Charity Shield at Wembley

Solicitor baffles Linfield defence

Andy McClean, aged 23, a solicitor presenting his case for the Cliftonville goalkeeping vacancy, scored on his senior debut against Linfield on Saturday – from 120 yards.

His long punt downwind caught Linfield's defence totally off guard. The freak kick bounced once and beat Northern Ireland goalkeeper, George Dunlop, going in off the underside of the bar for the 72nd-minute winner.

The 3-2 victory at Windsor Park now gives the underdogs a splendid chance of making the Lombard and Ulster Cup quarter-finals.

Linfield with their Moroccan newcomer, Abdelli Khamal, unimpressive will need to step up a gear on Wednesday when they travel to Glenavon in the second set of games in the series. Glenavon have their own problems after going down 2-1 at Distillery.

Juniors, Omagh Town, seeking senior status in 1990, drew at home with Portadown, potentially one of the Irish League's best teams. Ballyclare Comrades, also in the running for promotion, came up with the biggest shock of the day in a 1-0 home win over Ballymena.

● George Best withdrew at the last moment from a Manchester United side which beat Manchester City 5-2 at Old Trafford yesterday, upset at a Sunday newspaper article alleging a rift between him and United.

Best, aged 42, was due to make a guest appearance in a testimonial game for Kevin Moran. United's manager, Alex Ferguson, said: "Although I was going to put out a full-strength side, we had agreed George was to play even if it was just for the first 20 minutes."

The game, watched by 25,432, raised about £80,000 for Moran.

● Wimbledon will visit Hereford United tomorrow for a testimonial match for the former World Cup and FA Cup final referee, Jim Finney. A road accident ended his refereeing career and he spent 14 years as Hereford's administrator.

● Gary Pallister, the England defender, who was target for transfer speculation with Manchester United and Liverpool, will be fit to open Middlesbrough's first division campaign on Saturday at Derby County, after a thigh injury.

Danger as Celtic cross city

By Roddy Forsyth

The last time Dundee United and Celtic met, in the Scottish Cup final in May, United were dispirited as Celtic swept to victory in their centenary year. On Saturday it was the champions' turn to be vexed by misfortune, the most obvious victim of which was their Irish central defender, McCarthy.

McCarthy can console himself with the thought that the odds are against his suffering another performance like this. As the teams were about to complete their early spell of sparring he handed United a goal out of nothing with a backpass which was woefully short and fatally mistaken in that he had failed to notice Gallacher, the alert United forward, arriving on his blind side.

The Irishman might have redeemed himself with a powerful second-half header which was smack on target until Thomson leapt to fingertip the ball wide of goal. From then on McCarthy's afternoon declined and he was booked for a foul on Gallacher before being subsituted in favour of Burns.

Gallacher caused confusion with his speed and ability in the air, a remarkable asset in a diminutive and apparently frail player. Along with the burly Paatelainen, who had played against Partick Thistle in the Skol Cup and for Finland against the Soviet Union in midweek, Gallacher tormented McCarthy and his defensive partners, Aitken and Whyte.

Celtic must remedy their problems in time for another testing journey next Saturday, this time across the city to Ibrox, where Rangers entertained Hibernian at the weekend. Graeme Souness stated in the match programme that he intended to restrict his appearances this season to "emergencies".

His team's failure to score against Hibs was enough to prompt Souness into bringing himself into play in the second half.

Heart of Midlothian stuttered at home against the unfancied Hamilton Academical and few would have predicted a 3-2 scoreline in favour of the home team before the match.

There were two scoring draws in the premier division, one of which was at Pittodrie, where Aberdeen, now managed by Alex Smith, faced the club whose directors sacked him in May, St Mirren. Aberdeen took a second-half lead through Connor but although Saints had Hamilton sent off they were able to take a point when Godfrey equalized 13 minutes from time.

Dundee looked set for a useful away win against **Motherwell** when the prolific Wright scored in only five minutes; but they paid for failing to capitalize on their lead, McBride equalizing with seven minutes remaining.

RACING

Eddery has scant reward for his French endeavours

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Deauville

Pat Eddery spent a largely luckless weekend at Deauville, his only winner from seven mounts being Pale Rider, trained by Andre Fabre, who started 11-10 favourite in a modest four-horse affair.

He had to settle for second prize no fewer than four times, three on Saturday and once, on the Peter Walwyn-trained Rawnak, in yesterday's £25,000 Grand Prix du Fonds Europeen de l'Elevage.

Rawnak was in the first three throughout this 10-furlong listed event, which is the most valuable prize supported by the French section of the European Breeders' Fund.

Eddery sent him to the front two furlongs from home but he could never gain a clear advantage and Splendid Day, an Irish-bred son of Day Is Done, finished strongly to catch him close home and win by half a length. Persillant, trained by Michael Jarvis, was one of three scratchings from the race.

Eddery's only other ride yesterday was Access Travel, who could finish only seventh of eight behing Tersa in the £47,605 Prix Morny (6f) after disputing the lead for half a mile.

Tersa was taken off her feet in the early stages of the Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes, for which she started favourite, and finished a long way behind Superlative.

This time, she was always travelling well for Gerard Mosse, and comfortably beat the front-running Ecossais by three lengths.

Francois Boutin will run her in either the Cheveley Park Stakes or the Prix Marcel Boussac.

The most important of Eddery's three seconds on Saturday was Bahamian, trained by Jeremy Tree, in the group two Prix de Pomone (1¾f).

The filly came to have every chance in the straight but could never wear down Light The Lights, who hit the front 300yds from home.

The 29-10 winner, who is by Shirley Heights and trained by Boutin, will go for the Prix Vermeille while Bahamian heads for the Park Hill Stakes.

Pass The Peace takes the honours for Cole

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

With two smart English juvenile fillies to pick between, Irish punters made the wrong choice at the Phoenix Park on Saturday in gambling on Miss Secreto from 5-2 down to odds-on in the group three Debutante Stakes.

Miss Secreto was struggling to keep in touch from halfway and the other English challenger, Pass The Peace, who had drifted out to 8-1, came home a comfortable two length winner in the hands of Richard Quinn.

Pass The Peace, a daughter of Alzao who is doing so well with his first crop, was bought as a yearling for a bargain price of 9,600 guineas. She is trained by Paul Cole for Captain Brian Bell, whose son Michael is Cole's assistant trainer. Next year, Michael Bell sets up training on his own behalf at Fitzroy House, Newmarket.

Literati, in the Sangster colours and trained by Barry Hills, prevailed over Mrs Jacqueline O'Brien's odds-on chance Lomond Blossom by a neck in the EBF Rnly Stakes, while Princess Athena faded badly to finish fourth behind Ingabelle in the Keeneland Phoenix Sprint Stakes.

Leaders on the Flat

TRAINERS

	Ist	2nd	3rd	Runs	Total stakes
H Cecil	74	52	29	1	-26.10
B Hills	62	64	46	1	-58.25
M Stoute	59	39	32	2	-21.33
J Berry	59	44	42	8	-26.03
L Cumani	49	39	24	3	-24.75
M H Easterby	49	35	40	1	-133.48
G Harwood	43	31	12	1	-9.19
J Dunlop	42	38	55	3	-99.97
M Britain	36	33	36	10	-258.00
M Hannon	35	30	42	3	-122.06
R Whitaker	35	47	37	11	-118.55

JOCKEYS

	Ist	2nd	3rd	Loose mounts	Total stakes
Pat Eddery	134	90	75	1	+56.17
S Cauthen	99	94	52	7	-196.14
W Carson	99	59	61	2	-35.66
R Cochrane	80	83	80	14	-46.45
M Roberts	79	75	56	1	-8.81
M Birch	75	45	58	3	-63.71
G Duffield	61	50	51	13	-177.43
W R Swinburn	54	45	42	8	-134.40
B Raymond	52	43	44	0	-33.50
M Hills	49	63	54	1	-125.47
J Reid	45	44	52	13	-31.58

Harris injured

Vicki Harris was detained in Hereford General Hospital overnight with a cut nose and a badly-bruised neck after a nasty fall on Kasu in the Abergavenny Handicap Hurdle on Saturday.

Wigham back

Cliff Wigham, with more than 600 winners to his credit in Italy, is returning to action in this country after a break of 14 years. Wigham is on a short holiday.

YACHTING

Drake beats drum in Midlands boat

By Barry Pickthall

THE TIMES James Capel CREWSEARCH

Six more budding offshore sailors gained national recognition at Hull during the weekend after winning through to represent the Midlands at the finals of *The Times*/James Capel sponsored Crewsearch scheme.

"It proved to be one of the most competitive trials yet and narrowing the selection down to one crew proved extremely difficult," a delighted Bill Edgerton said yesterday. Edgerton, the offshore coach to the Royal Yachting Association, is using the 10 regional Crewsearch trials to build up a computerized database listing the top sailing talent around the country for yacht owners seeking good crew.

Already three Crewsearch recruits have made it into the big time and others will undoubtedly get their breaks as owners begin planning their campaigns for next year's Admiral's Cup and world championship events.

Among those whose talents shone out at the Midlands trial, staged by Hull Marina and the Post House Hotel, was Matthew Drake, aged 21, a student from Sheffield, whose earlier experience gained aboard J24s won him the place of bowman in the Crewsearch finals in October.

Joining him on the Midlands boat will be Mike Bradbury, from Chesterfield, at the mast, Rory Garland, from Leeds, as genoa trimmer, while Ian Fisher, a garage manager from Rotherham, will run the cockpit. The mainsheet will be in the capable hands of Miles Mitchell, who travelled from Southampton to join the trial, and Mark Peacock, from Cottingham, East Yorkshire, won the role as navigator.

The six go forward to compete against 10 other crews from all corners of the country in the Crewsearch finals at Hamble on October 20 and 21, where £1,000 travel bursaries will be on offer to the top six individuals to encourage them to gain international experience at offshore events such as the Southern Cross Cup in Australia, the Sardinia Cup or Kenwood event with line honours in Blue Diamond.

● The strong westerlies also hit the RORC's Solent-Torquay race, only nine yachts finishing.

RESULTS: Inland double-handed: 1, Blue Diamond (S Polley and G Bailey). Class 1: Smokey III (B Brickland and T Blackford). Class 2: Popnicorn (P Lawrence). Class 3: Olivia Anne IV (C Rawlins). Class 4: Crescendo (R and K Alexander). Class 5: Garnele (P Ruston). Class 6: Elan (J Bennett).
RORC Solent-Torquay: CHS Classes: 1, Papi (D Baily), 16hr 22min 09sec; 2, Marionette (C Dunning), 19:57:54; 3, Geronimo, 21:17:27.

San Diego resolves to cut out the acrimony

San Diego (AFP) – The San Diego Yacht Club has proposed that the America's Cup in future should be open to all challengers in an attempt to avoid the controversy surrounding the series against New Zealand next month. "No one wants to see a repeat of the confusion and acrimony of the current America's Cup", the San Diego commodore, Doug Alford, said.

If the United States successfully defends the cup against Michael Fay, of New Zealand, and the Mercury Bay Boating Club, starting on September 7, the next challenge should be held in San Diego in 1991, the club proposes. And all challenges for the cup from foreign yacht clubs should be accepted if received in time.

"We feel these resolutions will assure a multi-challenger regatta in accordance with the Deed of Gift and the procedures spelled out will end the confusion and litigation", Tom Ehman, of Sail America, said.

Fay's challenge came after Sail America failed to announce promptly a venue and challenger ground rules after winning the cup back from Australia in 1987.

Fay, whose court case against Dennis Conner, the US skipper, over the catamaran was thrown out of a New York court, has threatened to return to court after the race, claiming that Conner's 60ft catamaran, Stars and Stripes, is inherently faster than New Zealand's monohull.

Poley masters the tide

A gale forecast forced the Royal Southampton Yacht Club to change the course of the Island Double two-handed race for the first time in its eight years (Malcolm McKeag writes).

Instead of rounding the Isle of Wight, the 160 entrants tackled The Solent and were disappointed when the breeze kept under force five to six. The long wind-against-tide beat to West Lepe proved hard work. Barry Poley and Graham Bailey crowned Cowes Week successes

TENNIS

Hunter plays by the book

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Natalia Zvereva, aged 17, of the Soviet Union, has followed up her decisive victory over Martina Natratilova by defeating Pam Shriver 7-5, 6-3, to reach the final of the Canadian Open in Montreal, where she will meet Gabriela Sabatini, who overcame Chris Evert 6-4, 6-3.

Monique Javer will make her international debut for Britain next month against the Americans in Midland, Texas.

Jeffrey Hunter, from Weybridge, and Samantha Smith, from Buckhurst Hill, are the new Prudential junior – 18 and under – grass-court singles champions. Hunter, aged 18, also won the corresponding title on shale courts. Smith, aged 16 years and nine months, is comparatively young but became British champion by winning five matches at a total cost of only 13 games.

The finals, delayed by rain, were played in testing breezes at Eastbourne on Saturday. Hunter served well in the course of a 6-3, 6-4 win over the unseeded David Ireland, a left-hander from Oadby, near Leicester. Ireland was born 17 days before Smith and has a similarly natural, if still unrefined, flair for the serve-and-volley game.

Smith won 6-2, 6-2 against Alex Niepel (Liverpool), who is a year older but had more difficulty in adjusting to the wind. Niepel's confidence was affected and she became tactically passive. Smith has an attractive and authoritative court presence and moves well when attacking. She was always the more assured and flexible in taking initiatives and going to the net.

The winners have both been advised by Shirley Brasher and Buster Mottram, though Ralph Lambert has been Smith's most enduring mentor. Smith has a private tutor and hopes to finish her A levels a year hence. Hunter is going to Oxford University (Brasenose) in October to study French and Italian.

"I hope to play plenty of tournaments," Hunter says, "but will obviously lose match tightness. If I get a reasonable degree, my father has promised me two years on the circuit." Lucky Hunter. The Lawn Tennis Association will not lose sight of him but he will be 22 before he is free to play full-time.

Hunter may be encouraged by the example of Mark Cox, who left Cambridge University at the age of 23, gave himself two years to graduate at tennis and promptly reached the last eight of the United States championships.

Hunter is an engaging character. He enjoys a scrap, throws himself about a lot (he finished the tournament with blood streaming from his right elbow) and glances at a book during change-overs. The book, he explains, concerns the "inner" game and helps him to keep his mind relaxed. "Part of it is very useful when returning serve".

What are we to make of the facts that adolescent tennis players have private tutors, may pick up a book during change-overs and, after matches, submit to the modern ritual of press conferences and drug tests? Times have indeed changed.

TABLE TENNIS

Douglas works angles to upset Appelgren

By Richard Eaton

Desmond Douglas's brilliant victory over Mikael Appelgren, the European champion, ended speculation that the career of England's finest modern player is nearing the end.

Although Douglas has lost the national championship this year for the first time in a decade, his 22-24, 21-17, 21-18 triumph over Appelgren at Swindon on Saturday enabled England to push Sweden all the way before going down 8-6 in the second Leeds Building Society match. Sweden's men expect to be among the leading contenders for medals in Seoul next month and Douglas, in this vein, is also a threat.

Douglas still loves to practise. That hard work served him well as Appelgren tried his familiar ploy of trying to slow Douglas down. This time it did not work. The Birmingham left-hander switched angles sharply and cushioned the ball in and out neatly, to break up Appelgren's fluid movement and widespread court coverage.

Earlier Douglas defeated Jorgen Persson, Appelgren's predecessor as European champion, for the second time. Carl Prean led Appelgren 7-2 in the final game before losing 11-21, 21-16, 17-21.

England also took advantage of Johan Fallby, Sweden's weakest player: Prean, Alan Cooke, the national champion, and Nicky Mason, the improving England No. 5, all achieving victories. England's fate was settled, however, by Erik Lindh, the left-handed world No. 10. He won all three of his matches and remains unbeaten in the series.

RESULTS: (England names first): Doubles: C Prean and A Cooke lost to J Persson and E Lindh, 14-21, 22-24; D Douglas and N Mason bt M Appelgren and J Fallby, 24-26, 21-18, 21-16. Singles: Cooke lost to Appelgren, 9-21, 18-21; Douglas lost to Lindh, 11-21, 18-21; Prean bt Fallby, 21-17, 21-17; Mason lost to Persson, 24-22, 18-21, 11-21; Douglas bt Persson, 21-15, 21-15; Prean lost to Appelgren, 21-11, 16-21, 17-21; Cooke bt Fallby, 21-13, 21-16; Mason lost to Lindh, 17-21, 14-21; Douglas bt Appelgren, 22-24, 21-17, 21-18; Prean lost to Persson, 19-21, 21-23; Mason bt Fallby, 21-15, 21-14; Cooke lost Lindh, 18-21, 10-21.

ATHLETICS

Dunn cuts a dash everywhere

By Michael Coleman

Paula Dunn and Sally Gunnell seemed to be everywhere at the GRE Jubilee Cup Final in north London on Saturday when Stretford toppled Essex Ladies, cup holders since 1984, by 88 points to 86.

Dunn, of Stretford, ran her fastest-ever 100 metres of 11.13sec (plus 2.44m wind), won the 200 metres in 23.08sec, did the winning sprint relay anchor, and had time for a third-place 6.07 metres long jump. Her six points for this, plus 18 in the sprints and nine for the relay, made her the match-winner.

Gunnell, looking more impressive at every outing, took the 100 metres hurdles in 13.00sec, forced Dunn to move up a gear in the 200 metres with 23.40sec, and ran both relays. Her strong last leg in the 4 x 400 metres won Essex Ladies the last event, but Stretford's fifth place in this event saw them home.

In the men's contest Haringey's wider spread of talents helped the north London club retain the GRE Gold Cup on their home track at the New River Stadium, though strong running by Shaftesbury and Barnet's distance men, Mike Williams's 13min 58.46sec in a storm-lashed 5,000 metres being heroic, looked menacing until the final relays.

The other Olympians on view in both finals did themselves credit. Stewart Faulkner's 8.04 metres in the long jump, his first time through that barrier, was wind aided (plus 3.16 metres); Dalton Grant flopped 2.25 metres in unkind conditions, though that height was equalled by the unpicked Floyd Manderson; Tony Jarrett's 13.49sec in the high hurdles, though blown along, was the speed he needs; Judy Oakes was close to her shot best (19.26 metres) with 19.13.

For his 400 metres debut, John Regis wore a one-piece in the Belgrave colours, though it was claret up the front and gold on the back, not quite the pattern that venerable club, founded in 1887, had in mind. No matter, his 46.57sec left the rest 15 metres behind.

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STARA ZAGORA: Yordanka Donkova, of Bulgaria, set a world record of 12.21sec in the women's 100 metres hurdles here on Saturday. Donkova, aged 27, recaptured the record from her compatriot, Ginka Zagorcheva. Zagorcheva's world record, set in Drama, Greece, last year, was 12.25sec.

It was the fourth world record in Donkova's career, which was slightly favoured by a tail wind of 0.63 metres per second.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance Championship
11.0 unless stated, 110 overs minimum
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Kent.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Derbyshire.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Somerset.
UXBRIDGE: Middlesex v Warwickshire.
WELLINGBOROUGH: Northamptonshire v Glamorgan.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Surrey.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Essex.

Tour match
11.0-6.0
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Sri Lankans.

Other match
DUMFRIES: Scotland v Ireland.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Truro: Cornwall v Dorset; Carlisle: Cumberland v Northumberland; Shifnal: Shropshire v Wiltshire.

FOOTBALL
7.30 unless stated
GM Vauxhall Conference
Fisher v Enfield .....
Kidderminster v Yeovil .....
Northwich v Runcorn .....
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Croydon v Hendon. Second division north: Stevenage v Berkhamstead.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Horwich v Barrow; Hyde v Morecambe.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester v VS Rugby.

OTHER SPORT
BALLOONING: British championships (Tiverton, North Devon).
BOWLS: Federation National championships (Skegness). Liverpool Victoria Women's championships (Leamington).
SPEEDWAY: National League: Exeter v Eastbourne. Premier League: Reading v Cradley; Oxford v Bradford; Ipswich v Swindon.

SPORT ON TV

SPORTSWORLD EXTRA: ITV 1.0 a.m. (tomorrow) Carrolls Irish Open from Fort Mamock.

THE WEEKEND'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

FA Charity Shield
Liverpool 2 Wimbledon 1

GM Vauxhall Conference

Aylesbury	1	Altrincham	2
Boston	3	Sutton Utd	1
Cheltenham	0	Maidstone	4
Chorley	2	Barnet	3
Enfield	2	Macclesfield	1
Kettering	2	Northwich	1
Kidderminstr	2	Fisher	1
Runcorn	1	Weymouth	0
Stafford	3	Newport	0
Telford	0	Welling	0
Yeovil	1	Wycombe	1

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Basildon 0, Southwick 0; Basingstoke Town 1, Collier Row 0; Boreham Wood 0, Wembley 4; Chalfont St Peter 4, Lewes 0; Kingsbury Town 3, Leatherhead 0; Staines Town 1, Hitchin Town 0; Walton and Hersham 0, Chesham 1; Wivenhoe Town 2, Bracknell Town 2; Woking 1, Uxbridge 2; Worthing 1, Hampton 1. Second division north: Aveley 1, Ware 1; Berkhamsted Town 2, Witham 0; Clapton 0, Barton Rovers 2; Harlow Town 3, Stevenage Borough 1; Hertford Town 1, Billericay Town 1; Heybridge Swifts 1, Royston Town 0; Hornchurch 0, Purfleet 1; Letchworth Garden City 0, Rainham Town 1; Saffron Walden 3, Hemel Hempstead 3; Tring Town 1, Tilbury 0; Vauxhall Motors 4, Wolverton Town 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Alfreton 1, Droylsden 3; Colne Dynamoes 2, Eastwood Town 0; Curzon Ashton 0, Lancaster City 1; Eastwood Hanley 0, Bishop Auckland 1; Harrogate 9, Winsford United 1; Netherfield 0, Leek 1; Radcliffe Boro 5, Penrith 2; Sutton Town 2, Irlam 2; Whitley Bay 0, Accrington Stanley 0; Workington 2, Congleton 0.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Atherstone United 4, Stourbridge 1; Bilston Town 0, Tamworth 2; Coventry Sporting 1, Sutton Coldfield 0; Dudley Town 4, Nuneaton Borough 2; Gloucester City 2, Ashtree Highfield 0; Halesowen Town 2, Grantham 1; Hednesford Town 2, Wellingborough 2; Kings Lynn 0, Forest Green Rovers 2; Mile Oak Rovers 4, Willenhall Town 4; Rushden Town 4, Bridgnorth Town 3; Spalding United 2, Banbury United 1. Southern division: Andover 1, Gravesend and Northfleet 4; Buckingham 1, Erith and Belvedere 1; Bury 2, Trowbridge 0; Corinthian 1, Hounslow 2; Folkestone 3, Burnham 2; Hastings 0, Dunstable 0; Poole 2, Baldock 2; Ruislip 2, Sheppey United 2; Thanet United 1, Salisbury 5; Tonbridge 2, Chelmsford City 3; Witney 2, Canterbury City 1.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 1, Chard Town 0; Chippenham Town 3, Dawlish Town 2; Clevedon Town 0, Saltash Utd 4; Exmouth Town 1, Frome Town 1; Liskeard Ath 1, Minehead 0, Swanage and Hersham 1; Paulton Rovers 0, Taunton Town 1; Weldon Rovers 4, Barnstaple Town 0; Weston-super-Mare 0, Radstock Town 0.

Northern Premier League Premier division

Barrow	1	Worksop	0
Buxton	1	Bangor	1
Caernarfon	2	Horwich	2
Frickley	1	Fleetwood	1
Goole	3	Rhyl	2
Morecambe	1	Stalybridge	2
Mossley	0	Marine	1
Shepshed	0	Hyde	3
S Liverpool	1	Matlock	0
Southport	0	Gainsboro	0
Witton	2	Gateshead	0

Beazer Homes League Premier division

Alvechurch	2	Dover	3
Bath	1	Corby	1
Bromsgrove	2	Ashford	2
Cambridge C	7	Gosport	1
Dartford	1	Redditch	0
Dorchester	1	Burton	1
Fareham	1	Worcester	1
Leicester U	2	Merthyr T	1
VS Rugby	0	Crawley	2
Waterlooville	3	Bedworth	1
Weaidstone	4	Moor Green	0

Vauxhall-Opel League Premier division

Bognor	1	St Albans	0
Carshalton	1	Hayes	0
Dagenham	1	Farnboro	2
Dulwich	1	Bishop's S	3
Grays Ath	1	Croydon	0
Harrow	3	Marlow	2
Hendon	1	Windsor	1
Kingstonian	4	Leytonstn Ilf	1
Leyton W	0	Bromley	0
Slough	1	Barking	0
Wokingham	7	Tooting	0

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Ashton United 3, Formby 2; Atherton LR 1, Knowsley Utd 5; Bootle 1, Darwen 0; Clitheroe 0, St Helens Town 2; Colwyn Bay 4, Rhyton 2; Prescot Cables 3, Leyland Motors 1; Salford 1, Ellesmere Port and Neston 1; Skelmersdale 0, Rossendale Utd 0; Warrington 1, Burscough 0.
ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Aberystwyth 2, Ebbw Vale 1; Abergavenny 0, Pembroke 1; Bridgend 1, Port Talbot 0; Caerleon 0, Briton Ferry 3; Haverfordwest 1, Brecon 1; Maesteg 3, Milford 1; Ton Pentre 0, AFC Cardiff 2. Premier division: Abercynon 0, Newport YMCA 1; Afan Lido 0, Aberaeron 0; Blaenrhondda 1, Merthyr 4; Chrdach 1, South Wales Police 1; Ferndale 2, Llanelli 4; Newport County 1, Tonyrefail 4; Trelewis 1, Llanwern 1; Panteg 0, Sully 2.
IRISH LEAGUE: Lombard Ulster Cup: First round: Ballyclare Comrades 1, Ballymena 0; Carrick 2, Larne 3; Coleraine 3, Ards 0; Distillery 2, Glenavon 1; Glentoran 2, Crusaders 0; Linfield 2, Cliftonville 3; Newry 1, Bangor 1; Omagh Town 1, Portadown 1.
WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayern Munich 1, Hamburg 0; Kaiserslautern 0, Hanover 96 0; Bayer Leverkusen 2, Borussia Dortmund 0; Borussia Mönchengladbach 4, Werder Bremen 1; VfB Stuttgart 4, Stuttgart Kickers 0; Bochum 1, Bayer Uerdingen 1; Nuremberg 1, Waldhof Mannheim 0. Leading positions: 1, Karlsruher, played 4, 7pts; 2, Stuttgart, 3, 6; 3, Bayern Munich, 3, 5.
FRENCH LEAGUE: St Etienne 0, Monaco 1; Nice 2, Cannes 1; Strasbourg 2, Marseilles 3; Matra Racing Paris 2, Laval 2; Toulon 0, Paris St-Germain 1; Auxerre 3, Caen 0; Lille 1, Lens 0; Toulouse 1, Bordeaux 1; Sochaux 1, Metz 0; Montpellier 1, Nantes 4. Leading positions: 1, Pars St Germain, played 7, 15pts; 2, Auxerre, 8, 16; 3, Bordeaux, 7, 15.
UNDER-16 INTERNATIONAL (at Wembley): England 1, Israel 1.
OTHER MATCH: Santander: Real Madrid 2, Everton 0.

B&Q Scottish League Premier division

Aberdeen	1	St Mirren	1
Dundee Utd	1	Celtic	3
Hearts	3	Hamilton	2
Motherwell	1	Dundee	1
Rangers	0	Hibernian	0

First division

Airdrie	1	Morton	1
Clyde	1	Forfar	1
Clydebank	2	Falkirk	2
Dunfermline	1	St Johnstone	0
Kilmarnock	0	Partick	1
Meadowbank	1	Ayr Utd	2
Raith Rovers	2	Queen of South	1

Second division

Alloa	2	Cowdenbeath	1
Arbroath	1	Brechin	2
Berwick	0	Stranraer	1
E Fife	1	Albion Rovers	2
E Stirling	2	Queens Pk	2
Montrose	3	Stirling Alb	2
Stenhousemr	3	Dumbarton	1

FIRST DIVISION: Bolton 0, Millwall 0; Charlton 1, Aston Villa 1; Chelsea 1, Norwich 0; Coventry 1, Manchester City 0; Crystal Palace 1, Portsmouth 0; Leeds 1, Arsenal 1; Manchester United 2, Derby County 0; Middlesbrough 1, Newcastle 0; Nottingham Forest 1, Luton 0; Oldham 1, Sheffield Wednesday 0; Q.P.R. 1, Tottenham 0; Southampton 1, Wimbledon 0; West Ham 1, Liverpool 0.
SECOND DIVISION: Barnsley 1, Hull 0; Blackburn 1, Ipswich 0; Brighton 1, Bournemouth 0; Crystal Palace 1, Portsmouth 0; Leeds 1, Arsenal 1; Manchester United 2, Derby County 0; Middlesbrough 1, Newcastle 0; Nottingham Forest 1, Luton 0; Oldham 1, Sheffield Wednesday 0; Q.P.R. 1, Tottenham 0; Southampton 1, Wimbledon 0; West Ham 1, Liverpool 0.
THIRD DIVISION: Bristol City 1, Bristol Rovers 0; Chester 1, Bolton 0; Chesterfield 1, Bury 0; Fulham 1, Brentford 0; Gillingham 1, Preston 0; Hartlepool 1, Swansea 0; Huddersfield 1, Port Vale 0; Mansfield 1, Wigan 0; Northampton 1, Aldershot 0; Notts County 1, Blackpool 0; Reading 1, Bristol City 0; Rotherham 1, Walsall 0; Shrewsbury 1, Crewe 0; Southend 1, Wrexham 0; Stockport 1, Carlisle 0; Torquay 1, Darlington 0.
FOURTH DIVISION: Aldershot 1, Scarborough 0; Cambridge 1, Halifax 0; Colchester 1, Hereford 0; Crewe 1, Rochdale 0; Darlington 1, Peterborough 0; Exeter 1, Lincoln 0; Grimsby 1, Cardiff 0; Hereford 1, Colchester 0; Peterborough 1, Darlington 0; Rochdale 1, Crewe 0; Scarborough 1, Aldershot 0; Swansea 1, Hartlepool 0; Torquay 1, Darlington 0; Wrexham 1, Southend 0.

POOLS CHECK

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Harwood to strike again with Roback

By Mandarin

Guy Harwood introduced a decent two-year-old at Sandown on Saturday in Noble Savage, who got the better of Spitfire, after a sustained struggle.

Now I expect the Pulborough team to collect another juvenile prize at Windsor today with **Roback** in the Potential Stayers' Graduation Stakes over six furlongs.

The Roberto colt had a pretty tough introduction on his debut at Newmarket earlier this month, but showed plenty of tenacity in fending off Key To The Music's late challenge by a head.

Not very big, Roback pulled hard going down to the start and also had plenty of running to do at halfway after Pat Eddery had restrained him early on.

Eddery reported afterwards that Roback was very green, and would come on considerably for that experience. So I am hopeful Roback can continue his winning ways today at the expense of Dick Hern's newcomer, Sailor Boy, who is a son of Main Reef out of Main Sail.

Bookmakers, however, are unlikely to be very generous with Roback's odds today and for a more adventurous nap I side with the Aga Khan's **Adivara** to successfully defy an 8lb-penalty for a recent Nottingham success in the Royal Handicap.

Before that Nottingham victory Adivara had shown very little in four outings. But she must have delighted her trainer, Fulke Johnson Houghton, by the way she accelerated to go clear of 20 rivals at the Midlands track.

A daughter of Tyrnavos, Adivara will have increased her paddock value enormously by that success, and may show enough improvement to complete a double at the expense of Alec Stewart's Warwick winner Awnas.

Steve Cauthen looks lined up for a winning ride in the Bracknell Graduation Stakes when he teams up with the Henry Cecil-trained **Mr Minstrel**, who showed ability on his debut when third behind Mawzoon at Goodwood.

Alan Bailey may have the answer to the tricky Russell Nursery with his consistent filly **Kafu Lady** and Mary Reveley's **Good N Sharp** looks on a handy mark for the Knights Of Windsor Handicap.

At Hamilton Park, **Time To Go Home**, from Reg Hollinshead's yard, should have little trouble in recording his eighth victory of the season in the Equine Whirlpools Auction Stakes in which only two rivals line-up against him.

Richard Whitaker's course and distance winner **Barcroft** may have the edge over the Manton raider No Chili in the Elsrickle Handicap, while the Bill Watts-trained **Overpower** can defy top weight in the Pettinain Handicap.



Greville Starkey, despite losing his silk cap, wins a thrilling duel on Noble Savage over Steve Cauthen and Spitfire at Sandown on Saturday (Photograph: Ed Byrne)

WINDSOR

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 Count Me Out.	2.30 Cotton On Quick.
3.00 Blue Disc.	3.00 Jack Boy.
3.30 Roback.	3.30 Jawbreaker.
4.00 Kafu Lady.	4.00 Kafu Lady.
4.30 Mr Minstrel.	4.30 Mr Minstrel.
5.00 Good N Sharp.	5.00 Bath.
5.30 **ADIVARA** (nap).	5.30 **AWKAS** (nap).

By Michael Seely

4.00 Paley Prince. 5.00 WINKING WINNER (nap). 5.30 Awkas.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J – jumps. F – flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good **Draw: high numbers best**

2.30 ADDITIONAL APPRENTICES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £994: 5f) (15 runners)

1	(13)	315003	COTTON ON QUICK 12 (D,G,S) (A Bailey) A Bailey 9-7	W Hollick (5)	● 99
2	(14)	064331	SURREAL 13 (B,D,F) (Miss J Halford) K Brassey 9-6 (7ex)	M Marshall	91
3	(6)	012351	P J KELLY 18 (B,D,F,S) (D Lang) D Lang 9-5 (7ex)	A Whitehall	96
4	(12)	000365	TZUTIH 35 (C,D,F) (D Lee) Mrs N Macauley 9-4	C Rutter	98
5	(15)	003	SELVI 21 (T Warner) M Jarvis 9-0	C Pollard (7)	94
6	(4)	4-00040	JEANNIE HOSKINS 9 (Lord McAlpine) P Cundall 8-12	F Arrowsmith	96
9	(9)	000502	COUNT ME OUT 23 (B) (Mrs K Sneath) R Hood 8-10	A Riding	97
11	(3)	515046	ROXBY MELODY 9 (D,F) (Miss J Chisholm) Mrs G Reveley 8-8	R Price (5)	91
12	(5)	0-005	CHARM BIRD 6 (Miss E Collet) L Holt 8-8	Debbie Brace (5)	94
13	(8)	050060	BAKER CONTRACT 13 (W Baker Ltd) J Bradley 8-5	R Dunn (5)	94
15	(2)	0-00001	FIRST TRADITION 14 (C,F) (A Newcombe) R Hodges 8-4 (7ex)	D Biggs	98
17	(7)	0-00602	HIGHLAND ROWENA 13 (Mrs G Rowe) R Hollinshead 8-3	T Protheroe	98
19	(11)	05-000	SOROPTIMISTER 14 (Mrs A Tilt) G Balding 7-13	—	—
20	(10)	000-000	PORTFIELD LADY 18 (T G Mills Ltd) W Carter 7-10	N Gwilliams	—
21	(1)	000000	WILD WILLIE 13 (D Clark) Pat Mitchell 7-8	D D'Arcy (5)	—

BETTING: 4-1 Count Me Out, 5-1 P J Kelly, 13-2 Charm Bird, 15-2 First Tradition, 8-1 Highland Rowena, 10-1 Surreal, Cotton On Quick, 12-1 others.

1987: CSE-EN-CEE 8-13 A Tucker (4-1 fav) M McCourt 17 ran

FORM COTTON ON QUICK (9-3) 3rd beaten 1¼l by Jacqui Joy (8-1) at Catterick (5f app'ce hcap, £1117, firm, Aug 10, 18 ran).
SURREAL (8-9) won well by 2l from HIGHLAND ROWENA (7-10) at Nottingham (5f hcap, £1872, firm, Aug 9, 15 ran).
P J KELLY (8-7) made all to win by 2l from Grand Prix (9-3) at Brighton (5f hcap, £2019, firm, Aug 4, 10 ran).
SELVI (8-11) 3rd beaten 10l by Sister Chabrias (8-11) at Folkestone (6f mdn, £958, firm, Aug 1, 10 ran).
COUNT ME OUT (8-1) 2nd was caught close home when beaten sh hd by Loft Boy (8-11) here (5f hcap, £2842, good, July 30, 19 ran).
FIRST TRADITION (8-6) won well by 3l from Needwood Cracker (8-11) here (5f app'ce sell hcap, £1360, good to firm, Aug 8, 14 ran).
Selection: COUNT ME OUT

3.0 BELMEAD SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,431: 6f) (19 runners)

1	(3)	000104	LADY OF THE ROBE 28 (B,F) (W Ponsonby) P Cole 9-4	T Quinn	94
2	(1)	002032	BLUE DISC 16J (Dealmatch International Ltd) J Jenkins 9-0	J Reid	● 99
4	(5)	00-0000	CAPTAIN CUTE 4 (J Foulds) D Thom 9-0	B Raymond	98
5	(11)	500-	CHECKMATE 320 (J Fox) J Fox 9-0	R Cochrane	91
8	(18)	400-000	GLEBE LAND 56 (Mrs K Baldry) P Butler 9-0	S Whitworth	—
10	(13)	064	JACK BOY 23 (J Jiggens) M Tompkins 9-0	A Mackay	94
14	(16)	000000	TAUFIANCE 42 (T Daniels) Pat Mitchell 9-0	G Starkey	—
15	(12)	000000	THE COTTAGE 23 (B) (Mrs L Crofts) P Feilden 9-0	P Bloomfield	90
16	(17)	586-080	CHAMPAGNE LOVER 12 (Champagne Racing Ltd) M Usher 8-11	A McGlone	97
18	(9)	0-	GAMEOVER LADY 378 (J Rowland) P Arthur 8-11	W Ryan	—
19	(14)	0-36400	HAJJAR 18 (Y Nasib) N Callaghan 8-11	Pat Eddery	91
20	(6)	0000-00	HUSH IT UP 35 (A Sexton) M Usher 8-11	N Adams	90
21	(15)	05-0000	KACHINA MAID 14 (A Cottrell) L Cottrell 8-11	I Johnson	—
22	(4)	000000-	KARRI 336 (Mrs B Taylor) S Mellor 8-11	R Wentham	—
23	(7)	532200	LUTINETTE 42 (P Deal) M Usher 8-11	J Kennedy	90
24	(19)	0-00803	MISLEAT 13 (D Cooper) Mrs N Macauley 8-11	Dana Mellor (5)	94
25	(2)	000532	NEEDWOOD CRACKER 14 (K Latosch) B Morgan 8-11	N Gwilliams (7)	89
28	(8)	0-60	ROSIE GIRL 23 (J Connor) T Casey 8-11	J Quinn (5)	86
29	(10)	003003	TAMI 14 (V) (M McCourt) M McCourt 8-11	A Tucker (5)	83

BETTING: 5-2 Blue Disc, 7-2 Captain Cute, 5-1 Lady Of The Robe, 6-1 Misleat, 8-1 Jack Boy, 10-1 others.

1987: MY SERENADE 8-6 G Bardwell (16-1) P Bevan 14 ran

FORM BLUE DISC (9-0) 2nd stayed on when beaten 2l by Chummy's Charm (9-0) with LADY OF THE ROBE (9-2) 4th beaten over 3l by Chummy Charm (9-0) here (6f seller, £1494, good to soft, July 25, 21 ran).
JACK BOY (8-11) 4th beaten 5½l by Iman (8-11) at Newmarket (6f claimer, £4084, good, July 30, 8 ran).
CHAMPAGNE LOVER (7-7) 11th never a threat behind Isle Bridge (8-8) at Salisbury (6f hcap, £5033, firm, Aug 10, 13 ran).
HAJJAR (7-13) 9th beaten 19½l by Just Jennings (9-7) at Yarmouth (6f hcap, £2494, good to firm, Aug 4, 10 ran).
KACHINA MAID (8-11) 8th beaten 8¾l by First Tradition (8-6) with NEEDWOOD CRACKER (8-11) 2nd beaten 3l and TAMI (8-6) 3rd beaten 3l nk here (6f app'ce sell hcap, £1360, Aug 8, good to firm, 14 ran).
LUTINETTE (8-8) 12th behind Love Legend (9-7) with TAUFIANCE (8-10) 10th here (6f sell hcap, £1484, good, July 11, 22 ran).
MISLEAT (7-12) 3rd kept on well when beaten 2l nk by Surreal (8-9) at Nottingham (5f hcap, £1872, firm, Aug 9, 15 ran).
Selection: MISLEAT

3.30 POTENTIAL STAYERS GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £959: 6f) (10 runners)

1	(2)	1	ROBACK 16 (D,F) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-4	Pat Eddery	98
2	(6)		AMRON LAD (D Maker) R Willams 8-11	R Cochrane	—
3	(10)	64	AUGHFAD 7 (M MacCarthy) T Casey 8-11	M Hills	● 99
5	(8)	050	FRIENDLY COAST 16 (D Thom) D Thom 8-11	B Raymond	88
7	(7)		JAWBREAKER (C Wacker III) R Armstrong 8-11	M Roberts	—
9	(3)		SAILOR BOY (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 8-11	W Carson	—
10	(1)	35	BRAMBER 20 (G Rickman) J Dunlop 8-6	W R Swinburn	92
11	(4)		BROAD BRIDGE (H Gibbon) J Jenkins 8-6	S Whitworth	—
12	(5)		GLINT ANGEL (Mrs V Gaucci del Bono) J Dunlop 8-5	J Reid	—
13	(9)	0	KALAPARTY 10 (Mrs R Lamb) C Benstead 8-5	B Rouse	—

BETTING: 4-6 Roback, 100-30 Bramber, 5-1 Aughfad, 8-1 Sailor Boy, 10-1 others.

1987: GHANIMAH 8-12 W Carson (1-6 fav) W Hern 6 ran

FORM ROBACK (9-0) just held on by a hd from Key To The Music (9-0) at Newmarket (6f mdn, £2535, good to firm, Aug 6, 10 ran).
SAILOR BOY (Foaled Apr 6) By Main Reef is related to those good performers Buoy and Bireme.
AUGHFAD (8-11) 4th failed to quicken when beaten 2½l by Wonder Dancer (8-11) here (6f grad, £1072, good to firm, Aug 16, 18 ran).
BRAMBER (8-11) 5th beaten 6l by Snow Bride (8-11) at Leicester (7f mdn, £966, good, Aug 2, 16 ran).
Selection: ROBACK

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	15	34	44.1
A Stewart	7	20	35.0
R J Houghton	10	40	25.0
I Balding	7	31	22.6
D Thom	8	39	20.5
P Walwyn	10	49	20.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	57	209	27.3
S Cauthen	30	125	24.0
W R Swinburn	14	69	20.3
B Raymond	4	31	12.9
M Roberts	5	40	12.5
G Starkey	5	43	11.6

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4.0 RUSSELL NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,691: 5f) (8 runners)

1	(8)	251202	PALEY PRINCE 5 (CD,G) (J Pitt) M Usher 9-7	A McGlone	● 99
2	(5)	5166	MARTINOSKY 11 (D,F) (D Clark) W Wightman 9-1	W R Swinburn	91
3	(10)	301223	KAFU LADY 16 (D,F,S) (C Guyman) A Bailey 8-13	P Bloomfield	91
7	(4)	430	BE MY RUNNER 37 (S Myers) J Sutcliffe 8-10	M Hills	80
8	(5)	4502	PITSEA 17 (D Cock) R Hannon 8-9	B Rouse	97
11	(9)	51606	HOWLING GAEL 17 (D,S) (D Buchanan) G Lewis 8-5	Pat Eddery	96
13	(2)	400504	DO-I-KNOW-YOU 3 (B,CD,S) (R Myddelton) C Wilkams 8-3	J Quinn (5)	88
16	(1)	00300	RUSSIAN EXPRESS 14 (Mrs V O'Brien) P Arthur 8-2	W Ryan	87
18	(7)	31005	ABISHAG 13 (F) (C Steward) R Hood 7-7	G Bardwell (3)	88
20	(3)	120320	DIANABELLE 5 (D,F) (Mrs D Willett) Pat Mitchell 7-7	R Price (7)	77

Long handicap: Abishag 7-2, Dianabelle 8-11.
BETTING: 9-4 Paley Prince, 3-1 Pitsea, 9-2 Kafu Lady, 6-1 Howling Gael, 7-1 Martinosky, 10-1 others.
1987: ELA-YIANNI-MOU 8-6 G Bardwell (5-1) M Brittain 10 ran

FORM PALEY PRINCE (8-12) 2nd lost his lead in the furlong when beaten ¾l by Shuttlecock Corner (8-12) at York (5f listed stks, £7349, good to firm, Aug 17, 6 ran).
MARTINOSKY (9-1) 6th beaten 2½l by My Audrees (7-10) at Salisbury (6f hcap, £2282, firm, Aug 11, 7 ran).
KAFU LADY (8-10) 3rd no extra close home when beaten 2l, nk by Fire Sprite (8-0) at Redcar (5f hcap, £4012, good to firm, Aug 6, 7 ran).
PITSEA (8-7) 2nd kept on when beaten ¾l by Mister Lawson (9-0) at Lingfield (5f hcap, £2595, good to firm, Aug 5, 9 ran).
DO-I-KNOW-YOU (7-9) 4th beaten over 6l by Madam Millie (8-11) at Chester (5f hcap, £3371, good, Aug 19, 11 ran).
Selection: PALEY PRINCE

4.30 BRACKNELL GRADUATION GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£959: 1m 3f 150yd) (10 runners)

4	(1)	3215-60	BANNISTER 9 (G) (Lord Rotherwick) W Hern 3-9-5	W Carson	91
6	(7)	01	LAKE MISSION 118 (D,F) (F Salman) P Cole 3-9-5	T Quinn	87
9	(6)	1-2023	ST CADOC 48 (B,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-9-5	M Hills	● 99
12	(8)	2-	BASSE TERRE 444 (Mrs M James) W Hastings-Bass 4-9-0	Dale Gibson (5)	91
13	(9)	0	SING THE BLUES 7 (B Hager) C Benstead 4-9-0	B Rouse	—
18	(4)	0000-	HANDSOME SWALLOW 307 (L Gorch) H Collingridge 3-8-9	M Rimmer	—
19	(3)	0	HELLOVASTATE 90 (Mrs G Garsford) D Barons 3-8-9	A Clark	—
20	(2)	3	MR MINSTREL 76 (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-9	S Cauthen	97
22	(10)	00	SAINT VALENTINE 16 (Lady Juliet De Chair) C Wall 3-8-9	M Gilles	—
23	(5)	2-403	SUCCOY 21 (M Fustok) M Moubarak 3-8-9	G Carter	90

BETTING: 15-8 St Cadoc, 11-4 Mr Minstrel, 5-1 Lake Mission, 7-1 Bannister, Basse Terre, 10-1 others.

1987: MIN ALLAH 3-9-5 S Cauthen (9-1) H Cecil 8 ran

FORM LAKE MISSION (9-0) won in good style by 2l from Red Hackle (9-0) at Bath (1m 3f mdn, £1299, good to firm, Apr 28, 12 ran).
ST CADOC (9-10) 3rd beaten 5l by Armeria (8-11) at Pontefract (1m 2f grad, £1492, soft, July 4, 15 ran).
SUCCOY (9-0) 3rd beaten 5½l by Falco (9-0) at Ripon (1m mdn, £2546, good to soft, Aug 1).
MR MINSTREL (9-0) 3rd lost his lead 2l out when beaten 7½l by Mawzoon (9-0) at Goodwood (1m 2f mdn, £2385, good to firm, June 7, 22 ran).
BASSE TERRE (9-0) 2nd beaten 2l by Flood Mark (9-0) at Nottingham (1m 2f mdn, £2218, good to firm, June 5, 20 ran).
Selection: St CADOC

5.0 KNIGHTS OF WINDSOR HANDICAP (£2,960: 1m 70yd) (19 runners)

1	(17)	4-21300	YAHEEB 25 (D,F) (M Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 4-9-10	R Hills	96
2	(16)	4/-00502	CENTAURI 20 (C,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 4-9-10	M Hills	94
3	(15)	4546	LOTS OF LUCK 31 (B,D) (T Klaveness) E Elden 5-9-4	A Mackay	93
4	(12)	205556	HANSEATIC 9 (B,D,G) (J Carrington) P Makin 4-9-4	J Reid	94
5	(13)	150-520	BATH 48 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Lady Aitken) J Toller 5-9-3	W R Swinburn	96
6	(8)	5-0142	LADY CHATTERLEY 78 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 3-8-2	T Ives	92
8	(2)	5430-	ADORING MAN 359 (Castle Farm Stud) A Bailey 3-8-12	P Bloomfield	83
10	(7)	1-400	BRIERY FILLE 19 (S) (C Linney) R Williams 3-8-10	R Cochrane	94
11	(18)	1-00	BE MY FAN 115 (S) (V Rabin) M Jarvis 3-8-7	B Raymond	90
12	(11)	613503	WINKING WINNER 9 (G,S) (W Said) N Callaghan 3-8-6	Pat Eddery	95
13	(14)	450-000	RESIDENCY 40 (R Richmond-Watson) D Laing 4-8-5	S Whitworth	85
14	(9)	00514	SPORTING WEDNESDAY 9 (BF,F) (Roldvale Ltd) C Horgan 3-8-1 (5ex)	G Carter	95
15	(1)	004480-	FUSION 278J (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 4-8-0	J Current	● 99
16	(3)	105-500	FALL IN THE BLUES 28 (F,S) (Mrs P Goulandris) P Walwyn 3-7-12	W Carson	94
18	(4)	0-45000	BAY BLUES 48 (R Nightingale) R Hollinshead 4-7-10	C Rutter	92
19	(5)	66/6-000	MAY BELFORT 104 (C Turner) J Bradley 4-7-9	N Adams	97
24	(19)	10-0012	GOOD N SHARP 16 (D,F) (R Lindsay Smith) Mrs G Reveley 7-7-7	J Lowe	98
26	(5)	634000	SWALLOW BAY 11 (G) (Mrs T Parry) D Haydn Jones 4-7-7	—	91
30	(10)	000005	FAY'S PET 28 (D Maund) B Stevens 3-7-7	D McKay	78

Long handicap: Good N Sharp 7-6, Swallow Bay 7-4, Fay's Pet 5-11.
BETTING: 9-2 Sporting Wednesday, 11-2 Good N Sharp, 6-1 Winking Winner, 7-1 Bath, 15-2 Lady Chatterley, 8-1 Centauri, 12-1 others.

1987: WHIRLING WORDS 4-9-7 T Quinn (6-1) P Makin 17 ran

FORM YAHEEB (8-5) 20th behind Strike Force (8-5) at Goodwood (1m hcap, £53187, good, July 28, 21 ran).
LOTS OF LUCK (9-0) 6th over 12l by Fact Finder (9-4) at Ascot (1m hcap, £4025, good to soft, July 22, 8 ran).
BATH (8-11) 9th beaten over 10l by Pinctada (8-3) at Newmarket (7f hcap, £16986, good, July 5, 16 ran).
LADY CHATTERLEY (8-5) 2nd beaten 1½l by Sharp Gain (8-5) at San Siro (1m listed race, £11400, heavy, June 5, 4 ran).
WINKING WINNER (8-13) 3rd not a clear run when finished well beaten over 1½l by Coincidental (8-5) at Lingfield (7f hcap, £4201, good to firm, Aug 13, 13 ran).
GOOD N SHARP (8-0) 2nd beaten 2½l by Lizzie Borden (9-4) at Redcar (1m hcap, £2662, Aug 8, 9 ran).
Selection: BATH

5.30 ROYAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O £3,052: 1m 2f 22yd) (14 runners)

4	(7)	30-4222	FOREST FLAME 37 (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 9-7	T Ives	93
5	(10)	01	AWKAS 30 (D,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-7	M Roberts	86
8	(4)	007360	CONSTANT COMPANION 24 (F) (I Allan) C Wall 9-2	Pat Eddery	97
10	(6)	05255	MOUNTAIN SHADOW 30 (A Sangster) J Toller 9-1	W R Swinburn	98
12	(3)	50-0140	VINTAGE 74 (D,BF,S) (Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 8-11	W Carson	97
13	(8)	445-005	GORGONIA 34 (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 8-8	R Cochrane	83
15	(2)	50-05	ROYAL STANFORD 32 (H Brislon) G Balding 8-8	J Current	97
18	(14)	00501	ADIVARA 13 (D,F) (Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-6 (8ex)	J Reid	95
22	(9)	013034	VIKING VENTURE 20 (D,G) (K Fischer) M Francis 8-3	C Rutter	92
23	(11)	0-35451	KNOCK KNOCK 61 (D,F) (G Smart) N Vigors 8-3	P Cook	90
24	(1)	050-	SERRANILLA 294 (M Kirby) R Williams 8-2	T Quinn	87
27	(12)	0-00	VIEUX CARRE 35 (Miss A Westerdick) C Benstead 7-10	D McKay 12	—
29	(5)	0434	SMART MOVE 14 (J Hancock) I Wardle 7-8	G Bardwell (3)	● 99
32	(13)	000-000	MERCURY MOON 17 (J Watson) M McCourt 7-7	R Fox	—

Long handicap: Mercury Moon 7-5.
BETTING: 7-2 Awkas, 9-2 Vintage, 6-1 Royal Stanford, 7-1 Adivara, 8-1 Constant Companion, Forest Flame, 12-1 others.

1987: LOTUS ISLAND 8-12 Pat Eddery (2-1 fav) G Wragg 21 ran

FORM FOREST FLAME (8-13) 2nd was always held by Propero (9-4) when beaten ¾l at Ayr (1m 2f hcap, £3236, good to soft, July 16, 8 ran).
AWKAS (9-0) just held on by a sh hd from Vison Gns (9-0) at Warwick (1m 2f mdn, £1361, soft, July 23, 6 ran).
VINTAGE (9-7) unplaced behind Ostura (9-0) at Newbury (1m 3f hcap, £4266, good to soft, June 9, 15 ran).
GORGONIA (9-7) 5th stayed on well when beaten 4½l by Spanish Heart (8-2) at Folkestone (7f hcap, £1390, good, July 19, 14 ran).
ROYAL STANFORD (9-0) 5th beaten 9¾l by Defence Policy (9-0) at Sandown (1m mdn, £2506, good, July 21, 9 ran).
ADIVARA (8-8) won well by 1½l from Red Jam Jar (8-6) at Nottingham (1m 2f hcap, £3009, firm, Aug 9, 21 ran).
KNOCK KNOCK (8-9) made all to win by ½l from Reed (8-9) at Chester (1m 2f mdn, £2840, good to firm, June 22, 5 ran).
SMART MOVE (9-0) 4th beaten 14½l by Hibernian Gold (9-8) here (1m 2f grad, £959, good to firm, Aug 8, 6 ran).
Selection: ROYAL STANFORD

3.15 ROYAL SCOTS DRAGOON GUARDS HANDICAP (£2,119: 6f) (16 runners)

4	(10)	061160	NICOLESCO 48 (CD,F) (R Reeves) P Haslam 4-9-10	T Williams	93
7	(11)	0-22110	OLYMPIC CHALLENGER 105 (CD,BF,F,S) (Mrs I Ryles) J Berry 4-9-4	J Carroll	93
10	(1)	045255	MISS ABOYNE 17 (Mrs S Craig) J S Wilson 3-9-2	N Connorton	95
11	(16)	311424	SCOTCH IMP 17 (D,F,G) (T Broadley) D Chapman 4-9-1	S Webster	95
14	(5)	150352	LEFT RIGHT 37 (D,G,S) (Mrs P Cowey) P Felgate 5-8-12	G Duffield	94
17	(7)	3003-00	HARRY HULL 27 (C,G) (M W Easterby) M W Easterby 5-8-10	M Birch	95
24	(15)	063100	STEVEJAN 14 (CD,F,S) (K Drawry) B Morgan 6-8-3	C Hodgson (7)	● 99
26	(3)	000335	TANFEM 39 (B,CD,F,G,S) (W Burns) R Allan 7-8-1	N Carlisle	91
27	(4)	0-00306	FAWLEY'S GIRL 18 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Lowe) R Hollinshead 5-8-1	A Cuthane (3)	90
28	(6)	054130	ROKER ROAR 12 (B,D,S) (Mrs S Murray) M H Easterby 4-8-1	L Charnock	98
30	(9)	056500	MIAMI BAY 14 (CD,G) (R Wellock) M Brittain 4-7-13	A Munro (5)	95
32	(12)	05/0004	ZIO PEPPINO 21 (D,F) (M Vedrano) P Monteith 7-7-12	P Burke (5)	92
33	(2)	0-00000	PRINCESS CINDERS 38 (B) (Mrs M Simpson) M Usher 4-7-11	S Wood (5)	85
36	(13)	12-0330	SHARI LOUISE 21 (B,D,F,S) (Dr S Fosser) J Spearing 5-7-7	—	97
37	(14)	040-448	PARISIAN GIRL 3 (M O'Brien) E Alston 5-7-7	M Fry	88
41	(8)	54000-0	RUSSIAN WINTER 20 (B,CD,F,G) (Calmac Ltd) A W Jones 13-7-7	P Hill	84

Long handicap: Parisian Girl 7-5, Russian Winter 7-0.
BETTING: 11-2 Left Right, 6-1 Roker Roar, 7-1 Stevejan, 10-1 Nicolesco, Scotch Imp, Harry Hull, 12-1 Olympic Challenger, Miss Aboyne, Shari Louise, 16-1 others.

1987: MIAMI BAY 3-8-0 K Darley (20-1) M Brittain 16 ran

3.45 WHIRLPOOLS AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,012: 6f) (3 runners)

2	(3)	000140	GRAND BALL 16 (F) (J S Wilson) J S Wilson 9-2	S Perks	64
5	(1)	313231	TIME TO GO HOME 3 (D,F,G) (P Savill) R Hollinshead 8-11	A Cuthane (3)	● 99
8	(2)	6	CAROUSEL CALYPSO 30 (A Saccomando) R Whitaker 8-10	K Bradshaw (5)	67

BETTING: 1-12 Time To Go Home, 8-1 Carousel Calypso, 10-1 Grand Ball.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.15 WISHAW SELLING STAKES (£1,059: 1m 3f) (5 runners)

1	(1)	056612	ARUM LILY 18 (BF,S) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 4-8-13	Kim Tinkler	● 99
5	(3)	0	AN NOVA 21 (D Walsh) J Mulhall 4-8-8	J Carr (5)	—
9	(5)	0-00504	PEERGLOW 30 (Peerglow Ltd) C N Williams 4-8-8	T Williams	—
12	(4)	050065	ORDER PAPER 10 (S) (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 3-8-0	A Munro (5)	97
13	(2)	040050	SUMMER PARK 16 (F Carr) F Carr 3-8-0	S Morris	88

BETTING: 4-5 Arum Lily, 13-8 Order Paper, 12-1 Peerglow, 16-1 Summer Park, 33-1 An Nova.

1987: SIXTY MINUTES 3-8-0 T Williams (8-13 fav) P Haslam 8 ran

4.45 ELSRICKLE HANDICAP (£1,959: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

2	(6)	0-42231	NO CHILI 12 (D,F) (H Kaskel) B Hills 3-10-0 (4ex)	E Johnson	88
7	(7)	240512	BURCROFT 9 (CD,F,G,S) (R Lee) R Whitaker 4-8-12	Dean McKeown	● 99
12	(8)	004310	NORTHGATE DANCER 12 (D,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-8-8	NON—RUNNER	—
13	(1)	P02044	LILARDIA 11 (D,F) (J Abell) P Felgate 4-8-7	G Duffield	95
16	(4)	56/045	MILFORD QUAY 18J (W Jones) J Spearing 5-8-4	T Williams	97
20	(5)	663413	KHARIF 21 (C,G) (Tag Limited) R Allan 4-8-1	N Carlisle	94
26	(3)	056660	GREEN BAIZE 19 (S) (R Graham) K Stone 3-7-7	L Charnock	93
27	(2)	000141	NEEDWOOD NYMPH 21 (CD,G,S) (Needwood Ltd) B Morgan 4-7-7	C Hodgson (7)	80

Long handicap: Green Baize 7-5, Needwood Nymph 7-3.
BETTING: 5-2 Needwood Nymph, 3-1 Burcroft, 7-2 No Chili, 8-1 Milford Quay, Lilardia, 10-1 Kharif, 16-1 Green Baize.

1987: SLAP BANG 4-7-7 T Williams (10-1) C Thornton 11 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
N Tinkler	12	39	30.8
J Watts	6	27	22.2
P Haslam	18	97	18.6
J Berry	20	108	18.5
C Nelson	3	17	17.6
R Whitaker	8	50	16.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Kim Tinkler	10	42	23.8
Paul Eddery	6	26	23.1
G Duffield	32	188	17.0
T Williams	13	86	15.1
J Carroll	9	67	13.4
Dean McKeown	7	53	13.2

HAMILTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Overpower.	2.15 Affaire De Coeur.
2.45 Granny's Birthday.	2.45 Henry's Wolfe.
3.15 Left Right.	3.15 Nicolosco.
3.45 Time To Go Home.	3.45 —
4.15 Arum Lily.	4.15 Peerglow.
4.45 Burcroft.	4.45 —

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 ARUM LILY.

Going: heavy **Draw: middle to high numbers best**

2.15 PETTINAIN HANDICAP (£2,147: 1m 40yd) (12 runners)

3	(1)	021623	OVERPOWER 15 (CD,BF,F,S) (G Cooper) J Watts 4-9-10	A Mercer	98
10	(5)	02211	SUNSET REINS FREE 21 (V,CD,G,S) (Mrs S Russell) E Alston 3-8-2	M Fry	97
11	(9)	035360	MISS EMILY 16 (CD,G,S

CRICKET: RADFORD AND PRIDGEON DESTROY ESSEX TO PUT THEIR COUNTY ON TOP OF THE REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE

Worcestershire go a step nearer to retaining their title

By Richard Streeton

WORCESTER (Essex won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) bt Essex by 18 runs

Accurate pace bowling by Radford and Pridgeon destroyed Essex yesterday and enabled Worcestershire to move to the top of the Refuge Assurance League table. Provided Worcestershire avoid defeat in their last match next Sunday against Warwickshire, they are certain to retain the title and its £21,000 first prize.

Even two points for a "no result" next weekend would suffice for Worcestershire, who took charge of the match when Radford and Pridgeon became the fifth and sixth bowlers used. Essex needed 180 to win a match reduced to 36 overs a side after morning rain delayed the start.

Gooch and Hardie laid a good foundation with 59 in 15 overs before Gooch gave Illingworth a low return catch. When Waugh, the Australian, was leg before to Radford, he was the first of nine wickets to fall in 13 overs. Hardie, making his return after breaking an arm on July 6, collected runs steadily until he was third out at 112.

Hardie was caught at mid-on desperately trying to increase the tempo. Nobody, however, could take charge with the sustained aggression needed. Near the end Stephenson hit Pridgeon for 17 from four balls but Hussain was out in the same over and then Topley was run out.

Essex still needed 19 from two overs when Illingworth returned and dismissed Childs, the last man, with nine balls left.

A slow, turning pitch, seldom allowed anyone to go for their shots with confidence. Even Hick was unable to stamp his authority consistently and it was a late onslaught by Neale which finally enabled Worcestershire to reach a respectable score.

Childs completed a tight spell and looked the best of the Essex bowlers. Childs had Curtis caught behind trying to sweep in his first over. He went on to keep the third-wicket pair subdued until his final over, when D'Oliveira on-drove him for two fours.

D'Oliveira was bowled by Gooch attempting a big swing. Hick had made 59 from 76 balls, hitting four fours, when he mistimed a drive against Stephenson and was caught at mid-on. This was the last wicket Essex took as Neale and Weston put on 56 together in the closing six overs.

Neale drove and pulled fiercely to claim 41 of these runs, though at 21 he was badly missed on the deep square leg boundary off Topley. Pringle and Gooch bowled the last two overs, which cost 18 and 13 runs. Neale's 54 not out included six fours and came from 47 balls.

WORCESTERSHIRE

T S Curtis c East b Childs	21
S J O'Shaughnessy c Gooch b Pringle	2
G A Hick c Childs b Stephenson	59
D B D'Oliveira b Gooch	18
*P A Neale not out	54
M J Weston not out	10
Extras (lb 14, nb1)	15
Total (4 wkts, 38 overs)	179

†S J Rhodes, P J Newport, R K Illingworth, N V Radford and A P Pridgeon did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-50, 3-101, 4-123.

BOWLING: Pringle 7-0-34-1; Topley 7-0-37-0; Waugh 5-1-28-0; Childs 8-1-29-1; Gooch 7-0-28-1; Stephenson 2-0-11-1.

ESSEX

*G A Gooch c and b Illingworth	32
B R Hardie c Illingworth b Pridgeon	47
M E Waugh lbw b Radford	12
D R Pringle st Rhodes b Pridgeon	8
P J Prichard b Pridgeon	14
A W Lilley b Radford	4
N Hussain b O'Shaughnessy b Pridgeon	0
†D E East b Radford	2
J P Stephenson not out	22
T D Topley run out	1
J H Childs b Illingworth	1
Extras (b 2, lb 13, w 2, nb 1)	18
Total (34.3 overs)	161

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-59, 2-95, 3-112, 4-125, 5-131, 6-133, 7-136, 8-154, 9-158.

BOWLING: Weston 7-0-21-0; Newport 5-0-20-0; Hick 5-0-23-0; Illingworth 3.3-0-17-2; Pridgeon 7-0-36-4; Radford 7-0-29-3.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and P B Wight.



Slice of luck: Hick, who made 59, looks back anxiously as a ball narrowly misses his stumps at Worcester yesterday

Season's end

Wasim Akram, the Pakistan fast bowler who plays for Lancashire, has had a minor operation on a groin strain and will be out for the rest of the season.

Madugalle rings the peel

By Jack Bailey

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, lead Sri Lanka by 124 runs.

Rather like the 1946 Indians, whose tail packed such a punch that Sarwate and Bannerjee, batting at Nos. 10 and 11, each scored a century in setting up a world last-wicket record, the Sri Lankans seemed to have the sort of team in which the batting order could almost be allotted by drawing cards and powers of recovery — at least at this level — are strong.

In their last county match before facing England at Lord's, they fielded nine or ten of their likely Test players, of whom five have made centuries on this tour. Facing Hampshire's formidable 368 for three declared, they lost their first four wickets almost before the church bells had stopped tolling Matins. Only 33 runs were on the board when Ranatunga joined Madugalle, his captain, and James, in full flight, had taken three wickets in his first three overs of the day.

Not only did these two stem the tide, they carried the fight to Hampshire. Madugalle's 97 was a fine innings in any book, while Ranatunga and Ratnayeke, who also shared in century partnership, both batted with refreshing orthodoxy until finally the respectable realms of 280 were reached.

Madugalle fell short of becoming the party's sixth centurion, yet he batted well enough to suggest he has, as they say, peaked at the right time. Having played himself in, he scored 50 of his runs in boundaries, one of them a vast pulled six off Maru. At the same time he gave his relatively inexperienced colleagues a gentle lesson in patient application during a stay of over four hours.

James's fast-medium left-arm over the wicket deliveries proved a particularly potent mixture when taken after an interval. He followed his opening spell by taking two wickets in three balls immediately after lunch. His return of five for 80 was well deserved, but how he managed to bowl 16 no-balls at his pace, begs puzzlement.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry lbw b Ahangama	190
T A Middleton lbw b Labrooy	5
*M C J Nicholas c Silva b Ratnayeke	57
R A Smith not out	104
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 5)	12
Total (3 wkts dec)	368

R J Scott, K D James, N G Cowley, †A N Aymes, T M Tremlett, R J Maru and C A Connor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-143, 3-368.

BOWLING: Ratnayeke 19-2-66-1; Labrooy 18-4-68-1; Samarasekera 15-0-53-0; Ahangama 11 1-2-65-1; Madurusinghe 21-1-75-0; De Silva 1-0-10-0; Ranatunga 9-0-35-0.

Second Innings

T C Middleton not out	9
R J Scott not out	27
Total (no wkt)	36

SRI LANKANS: First Innings

R S Mahanama b Connor	12
†S A R Silva c Aymes b James	3
M A R Samarasekera c Terry b James	0
P A De Silva c Terry b James	14
*R S Madugalle c Terry b Maru	97
A Ranatunga c Aymes b James	39
L R D Mendis lbw b James	0
J R Ratnayeke c Aymes b Tremlett	41
R Madurusinghe c Smith b Connor	27
G F Labrooy b Maru	4
F S Ahangama not out	3
Extras (b 12, lb 14, w 1, nb 13)	40
Total	280

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-13, 3-33, 4-33, 5-139, 6-139, 7-222, 8-252, 9-264.

BOWLING: Connor 18.4-3-42-2; James 21-3-80-5; Maru 22-8-46-2; Tremlett 17-4-43-1; Cowley 12-4-23-0; Scott 6-1-14-0.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and M J Kitchen.

Lancashire seize victory with one ball to spare

By Martin Searby

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire (4pts) beat Derbyshire by 2 runs

Even the frantic Sunday league can rarely stage finishes like this one, with Lancashire moving to second place in the table with victory over Derbyshire by two runs with one ball to spare. Three run-outs in the last two overs brought Lancashire victory after Holding wielded his "railway sleeper" to great effect to drive Derbyshire within sight of their target of 201.

After Kim Barnett won the toss Lancashire made dreadfully slow progress against some very tidy bowling, most notably from Sharma the off-spinner, who took advantage of the turning pitch to bowl his regulation eight-over spell for the cost of 22 runs, 14 of which came from his first and final overs.

With 10 overs to go, Lancashire were a meagre 114 for five but Austin, who has so often come to their rescue on Sundays, joined Hayhurst to put on 50 in six overs while Derbyshire were reduced to 10 men because of Barnett's injury.

The stand was ultimately worth 79 in 10 overs but, nonetheless, Lancashire's 200 for seven did not seem sufficient despite the absence of Barnett from the top part of the Derbyshire order.

Hayhurst hit three sixes but only one four in his top score of 77, but the chunky Austin drove powerfully throughout until he was run out when backing up too far by Holding's direct hit.

Generally, the Derbyshire fielding left much to be desired and in the end it was this department which proved the difference between the two sides.

The best stand for Derbyshire was 66 in 10 overs between Holding and Roberts but when Fowler held one of his usual catches at long-off to dismiss the West Indian 34 runs were wanted from the final four overs. The usual flurry of slogs took Derbyshire nearer their target but Griffith was superbly run out by a direct hit from Hughes, the Lancashire captain, from short extra cover and he repeated the performance to dismiss Barnett in the 40th over when just four runs were wanted.

With one ball to spare Warner drove to mid-on where Simmons allowed the ball to run through his legs and although there may have been a single there was never the two which the last pair attempted and Base was run-out without scoring.

LANCASHIRE

G D Mendis run out	9
G Fowler b Sharma	13
A N Hayhurst c Base b Warner	77
N H Fairbrother c Maher b Base	5
T E Jesty c Base b Bowler	31
M Watkinson b Base	1
I D Austin run out	41
*D P Hughes not out	1
P J W Allott not out	11
Extras (lb 5, w 4, nb 2)	11
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	200

†W K Hegg and J Simmons did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-33, 3-43, 4-102, 5-106, 6-185, 7-187.

BOWLING: Holding 8-1-35-0; Warner 8-0-66-1; Sharma 8-2-22-1; Base 8-0-21-2; Barnett 4-0-22-0; Griffiths 1-0-8-0; Bowler 3-0-19-1

DERBYSHIRE

P D Bowler b Austin	44
J E Morris b Allott	2
†B J M Maher c Hegg b Austin	20
S C Goldsmith b Austin	5
M Holding c Fowler b Simmons	53
B Roberts st Hegg b Simmons	37
R Sharma c Watkinson b Hayhurst	0
A Warner not out	16
F A Griffiths run out	8
*K J Barnett run out	3
S Base run out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 8)	10
Total (39.5 overs)	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-62, 3-64, 4-88, 5-155, 6-156, 7-167, 8-186, 9-197.

BOWLING: Watkinson 8-1-33-0; Allott 7.5-1-21-1; Simmons 8-0-45-2; Austin 8-1-34-3; Hayhurst 8-0-55-1.

Umpires: B Meyer and A G T Whitehead

Gloucestershire sustain the pressure for cup place

By Ivo Tennant

Although the cricket season still has a month to run, there is only one further day of Sunday League matches remaining before the inaugural Refuge Assurance Cup competition begins. There are various counties vying for places in the semi-finals, to be played on September 7, Gloucestershire being one of them. Those who were at Moreton-in-Marsh or watching on television yesterday will have realized what an effective side they can be.

Kent, who have won the Sunday League as many times as any county, were thoroughly outplayed. On this small country ground Gloucestershire finished their innings three runs short of their highest total in this competition. They made 269 for eight, Wright and Bainbridge both scoring 81. Of this total, *146 runs came in boundaries*, the batsmen helped considerably by Kent effectively providing them with two extra overs by way of no-balls and wides.

The stand between Wright and Bainbridge was 166 in 24 overs. Not surprisingly Kent, who needed more than six runs an over to win, fell well short. Without Pienaar, who is a byword for consistency, they barely managed to make a game of it. Christopher Cowdrey scored 30 but there were few *other innings of significance*. Kent lost by 80 runs.

Elsewhere around the country there was rain (inevitably) and some decent scores: Robinson, who this season has made as much news off the field as he has on it, scored a century off 102 balls for Nottinghamshire against Surrey at Trent Bridge. Surprisingly, he had not hitherto progressed beyond scores in the nineties in this competition. Randall made 60.

After some rain, Surrey were left requiring 164 off 28 overs, and this proved to be beyond them. It was Nottinghamshire's first Sunday League win since May 22.

In ever-darkening weather, Stephenson, who has had such an effective first county season, took four wickets. Richards made 41 and Surrey ultimately fell only a few runs short of their target.

At Wellingborough School, one of several delightful grounds where Northamptonshire occasionally play, a splendid innings of 57 by Shastri and 44 by Maynard were responsible for Glamorgan's victory by six wickets. Of Northamptonshire's total of 171 for eight, Wild made 54.

At Leicester, in a match affected by rain, Somerset reached 175 for five, and although Leicestershire collapsed badly, at one stage being 85 for six, they won on a faster scoring rate.

Refuge Assurance League table

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Worcs (1)	15	11	3	0	1	46
Lancashire (9)	15	10	3	0	2	44
Middlesex (10)	15	9	2	0	4	44
Gloucs (3)	15	9	4	0	2	40
Glamorgan (14)	15	8	4	1	2	38
Surrey (7)	15	7	5	1	2	34
Kent (5)	15	6	6	0	3	30
Yorkshire (12)	15	6	7	0	2	28
Warwickshire (17)	15	6	7	0	2	28
Essex (14)	15	6	7	1	1	28
Somerset (4)	15	6	8	0	1	26
Hampshire (7)	15	6	8	0	1	25
Derbyshire (5)	15	4	8	1	2	22
Northants (10)	15	4	8	0	3	22
Sussex (14)	15	4	8	2	1	22
Leicestershire (12)	15	3	9	0	3	18
Notts (2)	16	3	11	0	2	16

1987 positions in brackets

Goatacre chase five an over

By Mick Cleary

At the second time of asking, the 17th final of the National village competition, sponsored by Hydro, got under way at the Midland Bank ground, Beckenham, with Himley being all out for 192 in 39.4 overs. In reply Goatacre were 114 for three after 29 of their allotted 40 overs.

The villagers, players and spectators alike, of Goatacre (pop. 340) in Wiltshire, and Himley (pop. 900), in the West Midlands, were understandably crestfallen at not having been able to finish their business in the capital, where rain had caused the match at Lord's to be abandoned on Saturday.

Both sides returned home overnight only to find conditions, if anything, worse yesterday, with persistent drizzle *which made bowling, fielding*, running between the wickets and keeping the cucumber sandwiches dry most difficult. Not quite as many rustic roisterers found their way to Beckenham yesterday, although the atmosphere, as befits the competition, was splendidly good natured.

Himley's captain, Shorter, almost caused a rift in the harmonious relations when he knocked out a female Goatacre supporter with a crashing cover drive. He hit a competition record score of 221 not out in an earlier round and looked to be in similar form with four quick boundaries when he was caught for 16.

It was left to Shorter's opening partner, Walker, to provide the backbone which, with a judicious choice of shot and sprightly footwork, he duly did with a score of 75 to guide Himley to a total of 192 all out in the last of their allotted 40 overs.

After recovering from the trauma of losing Turner to the first ball of the innings, Goatacre's response was sturdy but well behind the asking rate of almost five an over.

Stress fracture

Steve Andrew, the Hampshire pace bowler, will not bowl again this season because of a stress fracture of a bone at the base of his spine.

Gooch keeps Essex in place

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

The very thought of Kent winning the County Championship is confirmation to many sceptics that standards have fallen alarmingly. While this may be cruelly unfair to Chris Cowdrey and his players, who have demonstrated what is possible with cricket's equivalent of mind over matter, the theory has a ring of truth.

Why else, as the season enters its final month, would Warwickshire be poised in fourth place when they can offer an imaginative captain, an intimidating opening bowler and little else of note?

How, in heaven's name, are Nottinghamshire still in contention after losing six of their first eight games and then suffering a dressing-room split?

The fact is that the benign official attitude to "result" pitches has had an enormous bearing. With the points structure as it is, losing half your games is not a disaster; so long as you win the other half, you have every chance of being champions. Thus, to create a lottery in which the better team will not always win, but someone will always win, is a recipe for the confused county table available for inspection today.

Its virtue is its unpredictability. With only four matches left, Kent and Worcestershire ought to have the title between them but Essex still have an influential hand and, if these teams cannot produce results, Warwickshire, Nottinghamshire and Lancashire are not out of it.

Things became a shade less blurred on Saturday. Lancashire could not even get onto the field against Derbyshire at Old Trafford; Nottinghamshire fell victims to their own Trent Bridge green top; and Warwickshire would have been utterly humbled by Middlesex but for a gambler's century from Andy Lloyd, their captain. The top three drew breath more freely than of late.

Kent, 13 points clear, were dogged by rain at Bristol, yet still made the most of the time allowed, the admirable Benson making 70 out of 202 for three in 67 overs. Their problem, on a typically turgid Bristol pitch, is to create something positive out of a game which could so easily drift into stalemate.

Much the most fascinating contest is at New Road where Essex must win to keep the leading pair trained in their sights. Thanks to the remarkable Gooch, for whom any failure has recently become a collector's piece, they could be on the way, their first day total of 230 for six representing rude health on a pitch not always kind to the batsmen.

Essex are my idea of the strongest contenders if only because their vast experience of such pressure situations elevates them above Worcestershire's ambitious promise. If, however, they are seriously to sustain their challenge, then much depends on their ability to remove Graeme Hick rather quicker than most have managed.

Championship top six

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Kent (14)	18	9	4	5	44	57	245
Worcs (9)	18	8	2	8	44	60	232
Essex (12)	18	6	6	6	48	56	208
Warwicks (15)	18	6	6	6	41	60	197
Notts (1)	18	7	6	5	27	60	195
Lancs (2)	18	6	6	6	34	57	185

@ Not including present matches

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Gloucs v Kent

MORETON-IN-MARSH (Kent won toss): Gloucestershire (4pts) beat Kent by 60 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A W Stovold c Marsh b Alleyne	4
A J Wright c Ellison b Harman	81
P Bainbridge c Davis b G R Cowdrey	81
K M Curran c Tavaré b Davis	12
P W Romaines c Alleyne b C S Cowdrey	42
M W Alleyne b Alleyne	1
†R C Russell run out	21
V S Greene c Davis b Harman	11
*D A Graveney not out	1
M W Pooley not out	1
Extras (lb 3, w 8, nb 3)	14
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	269

K B S Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-176, 3-181, 4-225, 5-228, 6-234, 7-255, 8-267.

BOWLING: Ellison 6-1-22-0; Alleyne 8-0-42-2; Harman 6-0-58-2; G R Cowdrey 5-0-39-1; Davis 8-0-50-1; C S Cowdrey 7-0-55-1.

KENT

M R Benson b Jarvis	3
†S A Marsh c Russell b Greene	9
C J Tavaré b Bainbridge	6
*C S Cowdrey b Curran	30
S G Hinks b Bainbridge	25
G R Cowdrey b Graveney	22
R M Ellison c and b Graveney	18
H L Alleyne c Wright b Curran	25
N R Taylor c Wright b Greene	22
M D Harman not out	8
R P Davis lbw b Curran	0
Extras (lb 15, w 6)	21
Total (35.1 overs)	189

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-16, 3-45, 4-88, 5-92, 6-124, 7-135, 8-174, 9-182.

BOWLING: Jarvis 5-0-22-1; Greene 7-0-15-2; Bainbridge 8-0-47-2; Curran 6.1-0-24-3; Graveney 7-0-45-2; Pooley 3-0-20-0.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J H Harris.

Leics v Somerset

LEICESTER (Leics won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Somerset on faster scoring rate

SOMERSET

G D Rose b Tennant	11
J J E Hardy c Whitticase b Agnew	40
J G Wyatt c Whitticase b Tennant	3
R J Bartlett c Tennant b Agnew	50
R J Harden c DeFreitas b Taylor	32
V J Marks not out	14
†N D Burns not out	16
Extras (lb 5, w 2, nb 2)	9
Total (5 wkts, 37 overs)	175

*P M Roebuck, N A Mallender, A N Jones and C H Dredge did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-38, 3-85, 4-140, 5-147.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 7-0-37-0; Tennant 8-0-23-2; Willey 8-0-46-0; Agnew 8-0-34-2; Taylor 6-0-24-1.

LEICESTERSHIRE

L Potter c Burns b Dredge	0
N E Briers c Marks b Rose	30
*D I Gower b Dredge	1
J J Whitaker lbw b Rose	11
P Willey c Rose b Marks	18
J Benson b Marks	10
P A J DeFreitas c Jones b Marks	4
†P Whitticase c Wyatt b Mallender	21
J P Agnew not out	19
L Tennant not out	17
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 1)	12
Total (8 wkts, 29.5 overs)	143

L B Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-5, 3-41, 4-66, 5-76, 6-85, 7-90, 8-115.

BOWLING: Dredge 6-0-17-2; Mallender 5.5-0-35-1; Marks 8-0-19-3; Jones 4-0-28-0; Rose 8-0-33-2.

Umpires: J D Bond and B Leadbeater.

Notts v Surrey

TRENT BRIDGE (Surrey won toss): Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Surrey on faster scoring rate

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

M Newell b Bullen	30
*R T Robinson c Bicknell b Greig	100
D W Randall b Greig	60
P Johnson run out	19
F D Stephenson not out	12
J D Birch not out	2
Extras (lb 6, w 4)	10
Total (4 wkts, 40 overs)	233

†B N French, K P Evans, G Mike, C Fraser-Darling and D J Millins did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-89, 2-169, 3-213, 4-226.

BOWLING: Bicknell 8-0-36-0; Greig 8-0-46-2; Robinson 7.2-1-47-0; Feltham 1.4-0-7-0; Clarke 8-0-50-0; Bullen 7-0-39-1.

SURREY

†C J Richards c Stephenson b Fraser-Darling	41
J D Robinson c Johnson b Stephenson	14
A J Stewart b Stephenson	25
M A Lynch c Stephenson b Evans	9
D M Ward c Johnson b Evans	2
*I A Greig c Mike b Fraser-Darling	21
K T Medlycott c Stephenson b Fraser-Darling	2
C K Bullen b Stephenson	23
S T Clarke not out	12
M Bicknell b Stephenson	1
M A Feltham not out	4
Extras (lb 5, w 1)	6
Total (9 wkts, 28 overs)	160

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-80, 3-83, 4-92, 5-95, 6-108, 7-122, 8-154, 9-156.

BOWLING: Millins 4-0-22-0; Stephenson 8-3-23-4; Mike 4-0-24-0; Evans 8-0-63-2; Fraser-Darling 4-0-23-3.

Umpires: H D Bird and J Birkenshaw.

Northants v Glam

WELLINGBOROUGH: (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Northamptonshire by six wickets

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

R J Bailey c Metson b Derrick	19
W Larkins c Butcher b Thomas	3
A J Lamb b North	35
D J Wild c Shastri b Thomas	54
*G Cook st Metson b North	7
M R Gouldstone c Metson b North	0
†D Ripley b Watkin	20
N G B Cook not out	5
S J Brown b Watkin	1
D K Lillee not out	6
Extras (b 3, lb 12, w 6)	21
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	171

M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-40, 3-77, 4-96, 5-96, 6-155, 7-161, 8-165.

BOWLING: Thomas 7-1-30-2; Watkin 8-1-28-2; Holmes 6-0-24-0; Derrick 5-0-23-1; Shastri 7-0-31-0; North 7-2-20-3.

GLAMORGAN

J A Hopkins b Lillee	10
*H Morris c Bailey b Robinson	32
M P Maynard st Ripley b Wild	44
G C Holmes b Brown	9
R J Shastri not out	57
A R Butcher not out	7
Extras (lb 5, w 8)	13
Total (4 wkts, 37.3 overs)	172

P D North, J G Thomas, J Derrick, †C P Metson and S L Watkin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-82, 3-85, 4-117.

BOWLING: Lillee 8-2-21-1; Robinson 8-0-41-1; N G B Cook 8-1-34-0; Brown 7.3-0-36-1; Wild 6-0-45-1.

Umpires: B Dudleston and R Julian.



Robinson: 102-ball century

Leics v Somerset

HINCKLEY (Somerset won toss): Somerset have scored 158 for nine wickets against Leicestershire

SOMERSET: First Innings

J J E Hardy c Whitticase b Ferris	0
N A Felton c Whitaker b DeFreitas	11
J G Wyatt c Willey b Agnew	57
*P M Roebuck c Whitticase b DeFreitas	5
R J Bartlett c Willey b Agnew	38
†N D Burns c Potter b Agnew	11
V J Marks lbw b Agnew	0
G D Rose c Whitticase b Ferris	0
M W Cleal not out	6
N A Mallender c Potter b Agnew	3
A N Jones not out	4
Extras (lb 12, w 1, nb 10)	23
Total (9 wkts, 51.2 overs)	158

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-36, 3-72, 4-83, 5-138, 6-138, 7-141, 8-142, 9-148.

LEICESTERSHIRE: T J Boon, N E Briers, P Willey, *D I Gower, J J Whitaker, L Potter, P A J DeFreitas, †P Whitticase, J P Agnew, L B Taylor, G J F Ferris.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 1, Somerset 1.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and P B Wight.

Notts v Surrey

TRENT BRIDGE (Surrey won toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 122 for nine wickets against Surrey.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c Lynch b Clarke	19
*R T Robinson b Feltham	13
P Johnson c Robinson b Bicknell	23
M Newell c Richards b Bicknell	11
D W Randall c Richards b Bicknell	0
J D Birch c Medlycott b Clarke	0
F D Stephenson c Richards b Bicknell	6
K P Evans not out	23
†B N French c Clarke b Feltham	11
E E Hemmings c Greig b Feltham	2
K E Cooper not out	5
Extras (b 6, lb 2, w 1)	9
Total (9 wkts, 57.4 overs)	122

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-42, 3-58, 4-62, 5-63, 7-90, 8-107, 9-113.

SURREY: J D Robinson, †C J Richards, A J Stewart, M A Lynch, D M Ward, *I A Greig, K T Medlycott, M A Feltham, S T Clarke, C K Bullen, M P Bicknell.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 0, Surrey 4.

Umpires: H D Bird and J Birkenshaw.

Gloucs v Kent

BRISTOL (Kent won toss): Kent have scored 202 for three wickets against Gloucestershire

KENT: First Innings

M R Benson b Pooley	70
R R Taylor c Alderman b Lawrence	41
R F Pienaar not out	39
C J Tavaré c Curran b Graveney	35
*C S Cowdrey not out	8
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 7)	9
Total (3 wkts, 67 overs)	202

S G Hinks, G R Cowdrey, †S A Marsh, R M Ellison, M D Harman and A P Igglesden to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-116, 2-117, 3-184.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: A W Stovold, A J Wright, P W Romaines, P Bainbridge, K M Curran, K B K Ibadulla, †R C Russell, M W Pooley, *D A Graveney, D V Lawrence, T M Alderman.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 1, Kent 2.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J H Harris.

Middlesex v Warks

UXBRIDGE (Warwickshire won toss): Middlesex, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 146 runs behind Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

*T A Lloyd c Gatting b Emburey	101
J D Ratcliffe lbw b Cowans	5
Asif Din c Brown b Cowans	18
D A Thorne c Brown b Fraser	6
D A Reeve c Sykes b Cowans	14
S D Myles c Brown b Cowans	0
†G A Tedstone c Brown b Cowans	34
G C Small lbw b Emburey	4
A R Pierson c Brown b Fraser	1
T A Munton not out	9
N Gifford c Sykes b Cowans	7
Extras (b 2, lb 5, nb 6)	13
Total (78.2 overs)	212

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-57, 3-78, 4-148, 5-148, 6-156, 7-180, 8-172, 9-195.

BOWLING: Cowans 17.2-2-49-6; Fraser 26-11-51-2; Emburey 25-8-54-2; Carr 7-1-25-0; Tufnell 3-1-16-0.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

J D Carr c and b Small	4
W N Slack not out	39
†K R Brown b Gifford	16
M A Roseberry not out	4
Extras (nb 2, w 1)	3
Total (2 wkts, 23 overs)	66

*M W Gatting, M R Ramprakash, J F Sykes, J E Emburey, A R C Fraser, N G Cowans and P C R Tufnell to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-50.

Bonus points: Middlesex 4, Warwickshire 2.

Umpires: D G L Evans and R Palmer.

Northants v Glam

WELLINGBOROUGH (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan have scored 168 for eight wickets against Northamptonshire

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

A R Butcher c Larkins b Walker	7
A Cottey lbw b Walker	2
*H Morris c Bailey b Walker	8
M P Maynard c Ripley b Robinson	22
G C Holmes not out	64
M J Cann b N G B Cook	7
J G Thomas c Ripley b Robinson	10
†C P Metson c Ripley b Robinson	3
J Derrick c Ripley b Walker	13
P D North not out	15
Extras (b 4, lb 6, nb 7)	17
Total (8 wkts, 66 overs)	168

S L Watkin to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-12, 3-32, 4-67, 5-82, 6-106, 7-115, 8-140.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 3, Glamorgan 1.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: *G Cook, W Larkins, R J Bailey, A J Lamb, A Fordham, M R Gouldstone, †D Ripley, N G B Cook, W W Davis, A Walker, M Robinson.

Umpires: B Dudleston and R Julian.

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Total (2 wkts, 23 overs)	66

*M W Gatting, M R Ramprakash, J F Sykes, J E Emburey, A R C Fraser, N G Cowans and P C R Tufnell to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-50.

Bonus points: Middlesex 4, Warwickshire 2.

Umpires: D G L Evans and R Palmer.

Worcs v Essex

WORCESTER (Essex won toss): Essex have scored 230 for six wickets against Worcestershire

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch st Rhodes b Pridgeon	72
J P Stephenson b Radford	20
A W Lilley c Curtis b Newport	9
A R Border lbw b Newport	34
P J Prichard c Rhodes b Newport	13
N Hussain c Newport b Pridgeon	4
D R Pringle not out	43
†D E East not out	15
Extras (b 1, lb 15, nb 4)	20
Total (6 wkts, 68 overs)	230

N A Foster, T D Topley and J H Childs to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-69, 3-139, 4-165, 5-165, 6-186.

WORCESTERSHIRE: T S Curtis, G J Lord, G A Hick, *P A Neale, D B D'Oliveira, M J Weston, †S J Rhodes, P J Newport, R K Illingworth, N V Radford, A Pridgeon.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 2, Essex 2.

Umpires: J D Bond and D R Shepherd.

No play on Saturday

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Derbyshire.

CYCLING

Cleveland to host world juniors

From Peter Bryan
Ghent

Britain gained its first "victory" when the world track championships started here yesterday, with the allocation of the world junior series in 1990. It needed four separate votes to reach the decision

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HOCKEY: DUAL TRIUMPH FOR HOST NATION AT THE WEEKEND'S LADA CLASSIC RAISES HOPES FOR SUCCESS AT SEOUL

Kerly and Leman on song

By Sydney Friskin

Britain..... 2
The Netherlands..... 1

Britain ended their preparation for the Olympic Games with high hopes at Luton yesterday by winning the Lada Classic international tournament after defeating The Netherlands in the deciding match of the four-nation round-robin series.

More important than the result, however, was the message by the British players that they are now at their best and ready to challenge the world. They owed much over the past three days to the resourceful Richard Leman, who earned the vote by the Hockey Writers' Club as the player of the tournament.

Sean Kerly finished top scorer with five goals, one ahead of Bovelander of The Netherlands. Kerly scored the match-winner yesterday at a time when the Dutch seemed as though they might get back into the match. He was at his brilliant best on Saturday, when he scored all three goals in the 3-1 victory over Spain, the Spaniards having scored first through Iglesias.

A year ago, during the Champions Trophy tournament in Amsterdam, Britain beat The Netherlands 1-0. They did not meet again until a week ago at the same place, when the teams drew 2-2, victory having been snatched from Britain in the dying minutes. So, yesterday's win was something to savour.

The match began with an electrifying run by Sherwani, who scored for Britain within three minutes, but the first half failed to live up to its early promise and not a single short corner was earned.

A minute before half time Taylor, in goal, was called upon to save a rasping shot from the right of the circle by Schlatmann and that put him on his mettle to make three brilliant saves at short corners, all struck by Bovelander, in the second half.

Bovelander himself made the running in the eleventh minute of this period to set up the chance for van den Honert to level the score, but within a minute there was a short corner at the other end for Britain. Leman's shot was saved by Jansen but Kerly pounced on the rebound in typical fashion.

The Dutch made desperate attempts to save the day, hoping probably that they would achieve what they did in Amsterdam, but it was British courage, not the Dutch variety, that carried the day.

David Whitaker, Britain's coach, said: "We walked away from Luton feeling that there was little more we could do to feel that matters had gone just the way we planned it and the players are very happy with what they have achieved."

The Netherlands, Spain and Kenya, who played against Britain in the Lada Classic are not in their group for the Olympic Games but Britain have made a fair assessment of their qualities should they meet in Seoul. Of the teams in their own group, Britain have beaten South Korea, the Soviet Union and Canada, and they also played against West Germany and lost to them in the previous Champions Trophy tournament at Lahore, Pakistan.

The one team in their group whom they have not played is India, who have recently come back into the reckoning.

BRITAIN: I Taylor; D Faulkner, P Barber, J Potter, R Dodds (captain), M Grimley, K Brasura (sub: S Batchelor), R Leman, S Kerly, R Garcia, I Sherwani.
THE NETHERLANDS: R Jansen; R Klaasen (captain), H Kooijman, M Crucq, M Benninga (sub: J Pierie), E Parlevliet, J Brinkman, F Bovelander, G Schlatmann, P Faber, T van den Honert.
Umpires: S Deo (Sp) and S Vigier (Fr).
RESULTS: Men: Britain 3, Spain 1; The Netherlands 4, Kenya 0; Spain 3, Kenya 1; Britain 2, The Netherlands 1.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Britain	3	3	0	0	10	2	6
Netherlands	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Spain	3	1	0	2	5	6	2
Kenya	3	0	0	3	1	12	0



Fast forward: Sherwani (dark shirt) scores Britain's first goal against the Dutch yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Germans fall to a British double

By Joyce Whitehead

Britain's women, the only team to beat West Germany this year when they won at the invitation tournament at Essen in June, added two more satisfying victories over the Olympic and World Cup silver medal holders in the Lada Classic international tournament over the weekend. At Luton, they won 3-1 on Saturday and 2-0 yesterday.

On Saturday, three goals in the first half gave them an encouraging start. McLeod scored in the fifth minute, Nevill shot into an open goal in the fifteenth and Parker, with the help of Gillian Brown, added the third in the 23rd.

But the second half was disastrous. After three substitutions in two minutes, the defence fell to pieces and two forwards were insufficient to keep the ball in attack.

The Germans had 14 penalty corners, from one of which the ball landed in the gully of the stand roof behind the goal. Hallman, who had come on as a substitute, scored their only goal in the fiftieth minute. The German defence was not up to their usual standard.

Yesterday, Britain started with the team which drew with The Netherlands last week, excepting Banks, the Welsh goalkeeper, who replaced Cook.

The Germans, with Appel making her 200th international appearance, played better too.

Dixon, who missed Saturday's match, was much in evidence, as was Ramsay, and Banks saved well before Karen Brown scored the goal of her life.

She took a flat shot at a penalty corner, received the rebound from the prone German goalkeeper, and with great control lifted the ball into the net.

Nevill took a toss from the goalkeeper, who showed obvious fury at the resulting penalty stroke, but Dixon failed with a feeble shot. For the second goal, Parker was deservedly credited with the last touch on the ball which trickled past the German goalkeeper.

GOLF

Taya equals tour record with her fourth win of year

From Patricia Davies, Gothenburg

Marie-Laure de Lorenzi de Taya, of France, confirmed her position as the dominant player in Europe when she won the Gothenburg Open at Delsjo by three shots yesterday. The tall, dark Basque finished with a 66, five under par, for a total of 275 that eclipsed Peggy Conley, her playing partner and only serious challenger.

The small, sunny American, the overnight leader, returned a 70 for a total of 278, while Alison Nicholas, of Great Britain was two shots further back after a 67.

Laura Davies, never a threat as far as the lead was concerned, made her mark by taking 10 at the last, a par five, and signing off with a 76. On the green in eight, she took two putts and reflected on the destruction one loose moment could cause.

Taya, meanwhile, had no such aberrations and equalled the tour record of four wins in a season, held jointly by Davies and Dale Reid. The Frenchwoman, who is in only her second year as a professional, also increased her lead at the top of the Woolmark Order of Merit, and her total of more than £56,000 already exceeds the previous maximum set by Reid last year.

She follows the economically sound policy of winning on the continent where the prize-money generally far outstrips that on offer in Britain.

Taya, one shot behind Conley after three rounds, drew level immediately when she had a birdie two at the first, and from then on, as she said, it was more or less matchplay, enjoyed by large numbers of intrigued Swedes.

Conley, the more demonstrative of the players, had the crowd's sympathy, while Taya, the more majestic striker, had their admiration. The American slipped behind when she took three from the back of the seventh green but she was level again at the 12th, where she holed from eight feet after Taya missed from ten. The French player importantly rescued her par at the next with a deft pitch and putt and moved into the lead again with a birdie three at the 14th. Conley missed her chance from six feet and her opponent made no mistake from five.

There was still only one shot in it when they came to the short 17th where Taya put her tee shot to five feet and sank the putt after Conley's 30-foot birdie effort had sat agonisingly on the edge of the hole. Another birdie at the 18th put the seal on the French woman's victory.

FINAL SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 275: M-L de Lorenzi de Taya (Fr), 70, 70, 69, 66. 278: P Conley (US), 69, 69, 71, 70. 280: A Nicholas, 70, 71, 72, 67. 282: K Douglas, 65, 72, 73, 72. 283: D Dowling, 71, 70, 71, 71; C Dibnah (Aus), 70, 69, 73, 71. 284: L Naumann (Swe), 73, 70, 74, 67; S Strudwick 69, 72, 72, 71. 285: D Reid 74, 72, 71, 68; K Wunsch (Sp), 74, 66, 74, 71. D Hutton (Aus), 71, 71, 72, 71. C Panton, 73, 70, 68, 74. 287: B New, 71, 73, 71, 72; R Lautens (Switz), 74, 71, 71, 71; S Gronberg (Swe), 68, 76, 71, 72; R Comstock (US), 71, 73, 71, 72. 288: M Wennersten (Swe), 73, 69, 75, 71. 289: L Mullard (Aus), 72, 73, 75, 69; E Glass, 76, 72, 72, 69; F Dassu (It), 76, 71, 71, 71; K Lunn (Aus), 73, 74, 68, 74. 290: K Espinasse (Fr), 72, 72, 73, 73; M Garner 71, 74, 71, 74.

Best man loses after nightmare at ninth

By John Hennessy

If ever a single hole decided a championship it was the ninth of Royal Aberdeen on Saturday, as played by Darren Prosser, of Dudley. He had stood on the tee at nine under par, four shots ahead of his French playing partner, Christian Cevaer, in the fourth round of the British youths' (under 21) event. They came off the green all square after Prosser had run up a nightmare eight, four over par.

Even Cevaer generously declared afterwards: "For 71 holes Prosser was the best player here," and he spoke with authority. As chance would have it, he had partnered Prosser in all four rounds.

Prosser's second at the ninth (453 yards) was impeded by a tuft of grass but not seriously enough, one would have thought, to have led to such calamitous consequences. But his shot fell short and lodged in a bush at thigh height.

Two attempts to dislodge it drove it still further in and Prosser, at least one stroke late and perhaps two, chose to take a penalty drop. "I couldn't believe my eyes," Cevaer said.

This disaster almost certainly sowed the seeds of further deterioriation, for Prosser, in proper heart, was unlikely to have taken three putts at the 11th and 12th, both times missing from three feet.

Meanwhile, up ahead Craig Cassells, English by birth, Scottish by domicile, was adding a 67 to his superb 66, four under par, of the morning. Thus he and Cevaer, New Caledonian by birth, Tahitian by upbringing, Californian by education, had to venture out into the murk of a dripping Aberdonian coastline for a play-off.

The end was an anticlimax. After a half at the first, Cassells left his long putt from the edge of the second eight feet short and failed with the next. Cevaer meanwhile ran his putt up dead from much the same distance.

Cevaer, not surprisingly, much approves of Aberdeen. A year ago, at the nearby King's Links, he had won the unofficial world junior championship, promoted by Doug Sanders. He is 18, a year younger than Cassells and Prosser.

FINAL SCORES: 275: C Cassells (Murcar), 72, 70, 66, 67; C Cevaer (Fr), 69, 66, 72, 68 (Cevaer won play-off). 277: D Prosser (Dudley), 68, 67, 68, 74. 278: J Haeggman (Swe), 73, 69, 68, 68. 279: A Coltart (Thornhill), 72, 68, 71, 68; A Tait (Irvine), 71, 68, 73, 67. 280: A Mitchell (Bromborough), 72, 70, 70, 68; G Evans (Worthing), 71, 70, 70, 69; P Nyman (Swe), 71, 70, 73, 66; S Henderson (Bon Accord), 68, 72, 71, 69. 281: W Hewlett (Blackheath), 74, 68, 69, 70. 282: E McIntosh (Turnhouse), 74, 68, 71, 69; J Cook (Leamington and County), 69, 68, 70, 75.

MacDonald a name to watch

Alison MacDonald, aged 17, a student from Andover, played some of the finest golf of her career to win the British girls open amateur championship at Pyle and Kenfig, Porthcawl on Saturday (a Special Correspondent writes). With this victory coming just over a week after she took the English under-18 strokeplay crown at Wentworth, there is every justification for considering MacDonald, a scratch handicapper, to be one of the best prospects in the country.

She was always in front against Jennifer Posener, of Sweden, although a hiccup just after the turn threatened her supremacy.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: J Posener (Swe) bt G Spencer (Fr), 1 hole; A MacDonald (Andover) bt E Vilagut (Sp), 7 and 6. Final: MacDonald bt Posener, 3 and 2.

Commanding performance from McEvoy

Peter McEvoy yesterday won the inaugural Mid-Amateur Championship at Little Aston with a remarkable margin of 20 strokes over the rest of the field (Dennis Shaw writes), completing the formalities with a final 36 holes in four under par.

McEvoy had the distinct advantage of competitive pedigree, comparative youth and present form over the remainder of the entry. As a result, they virtually played a separate competition.

FINAL SCORES: 284: P McEvoy (Copt Heath), 304: R Edgar (Blackpool Northshore); T Hanson (North Hants), 308: T Swingler (Blackwell); R Squire (St Anne's Old Links); D Lane (Goring and Streatley), 311: J Williams (Wyke Green), 314: S Wild (Whittington Barracks); I Simpson (Notts).

FOOTBALL

Late goal thwarts Rangers

By Dennis Signy

QPR..... 1
Al-Ahly (Cairo)..... 1

Queen's Park Rangers unveiled their lush £300,000 Cellsystem pitch with Jim Smith, their manager, optimistically hoping the Egyptian opposition would provide a gentle limbering-up exercise for the side he plans to send out against Manchester United at Old Trafford for the opening League game of the season on Saturday.

Al-Ahly, with an incessant accompaniment from vociferous supporters beating drums and waving flags among the 3,000 crowd, had other ideas. The support reached a frenzy of near-hysteria every time their side attacked and, as the game wore on, tempers on both sides became frayed as goals failed to materialize.

The match was carried via satellite by Egyptian television to an audience estimated at 54 million.

Rangers, with Simon Barker, their £400,000 acquisition from Blackburn Rovers, making a pleasing home debut, overelaborated. Their goal after 15 minutes came when McDonald firmly headed a free kick from Brock over the goalkeeper's groping fingers. Not even the introduction of Pizanti, the Israeli international, for a rare sporting encounter between Jew and Arab, could revive Rangers; Yasin equalized with a header four minutes from time. To add to Rangers's misery, McDonald limped off in the dying seconds

QPR: N Johns; W Feraday, M Dennis (sub: D Pizanti), P Parker, A McDonald (sub: B Law), G Maguire, M Allen, K Brock (sub: D Kerslake; J Channing), D Coney, S Barker, T Francis.
AL-AHLY: A Shober; A Rady, I Hasan, R Yasin, A Seory, H Ramzy, M Saad, A Mayhob, H Sidky, B Ragb, T Abouseid.
Referee: C Downey.

Aston Villa put Gray in shop window

Aston Villa would be prepared to listen to offers for Andy Gray, their England under-21 international, who has been watched by Tottenham.

● Derby County forward Andy Garner is set to sign for Blackpool today for £80,000.

● David Williams, the Wales international, has ended his player-coach contract to become assistant manager at Norwich City.

● John Bumstead, the Chelsea midfield player, has refused new terms with the club, who have lost the services after 25 years of Norman Medhurst, their physiotherapist, to Torquay.

● Lincoln City have signed Mark Wallington, the Derby County goalkeeper, for £15,000.

BASEBALL

Thurston helps win promotion

Great Britain won promotion to the European A League after beating Finland (11-0), Switzerland (27-4) and Czechoslovakia (11-0) in the deciding match at Fox Hollies, Birmingham. The victories owed much to the fine pitching of Brian Thurston, aged 19, from Hull, who won the most valuable player award.

The European A League will form one of the qualifying groups for the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Time runs out on Wigan comeback

By Keith Macklin

Widnes..... 20
Wigan..... 14

The Wigan stranglehold on the Charity Shield, sponsored by Okells Brewery, was loosened by Widnes yesterday as brilliant individual tries by Offiah and McKenzie swept the league champions into a 20-4 lead. Wigan, who have appeared in three out of four Charity Shield games, and have won on their previous two visits to Douglas, came back strongly in the last quarter of an hour with two tries from Iro, but Widnes deservedly held out.

The match was played at a fierce pace before a record Charity Shield crowd of 5,044, the majority of them from Wigan, at the tiny and picturesque ground in a tree-lined valley near the island's capital.

Both sides made handling errors in this opening match of the season, but there was total commitment, some fierce tackling and occasional flashes of the brilliant handling expected of the league's top two sides.

Wigan dominated the opening quarter, and it was no surprise when a long pass from Bell sent in Lydon for the opening try. Widnes then got to grips with their game, and after Currier had kicked a penalty, Offiah scored a typically spectacular try.

Currier landed the goal, and on the stroke of half time Wright picked up a loose ball to dive over the Wigan line. His goal made it 14-4 at the interval, and Wigan's fate seemed sealed early in the second half when McKenzie ran through from a play-the-ball, sold a dummy to Hampson, and scored by the posts for yet another Currier goal.

However, Wigan rallied and substituted Preston and Shelford with Betts and Lucas. Case had a try disallowed, but Iro forced his way over the line twice, and a goal by Lydon narrowed the gap to 20-14 before time ran out for Wigan.

The game provided an ideal opportunity for the league to try out new rules, and certainly the insistence on no "second marker" at the play-the-ball and a five metres gap at the scrums enhanced open play and promised well for the new season.

SCORERS: Widnes: Tries: Offiah, Wright, McKenzie. Goals: Currier (4). Wigan: Tries: Lydon, Iro (2). Goal: Lydon.
WIDNES: A Tait; R Thackray, A Currier, D Wright, M Offiah; B Dowd, D Hulme; K Sorenson, P McKenzie, J Grima (sub: D Pyke), P Hulme, M O'Neil, R Eyres.
WIGAN: S Hampson; H Gill, D Bell, J Lydon, M Preston (sub: D Betts); G Byrne, A Gregory; B Case, N Kiss, A Shelford (sub: I Lucas), T Iro, S Wane, A Goodway.
Referee: R Tennant (Castleford).

The Wigan chairman, Maurice Lindsay, said last night that he was startled at reports from Australia that Balmain, the Sydney club, had offered Ellery Hanley a permanent contract, and that Hanley was considering staying in Australia. Lindsay said: "This is surprising news, and it would stagger me if Ellery were to accept the offer. A few weeks ago he and I shook hands on a deal in which we would give Ellery a further three-year contract with improved pay."

EQUESTRIANISM

Last Dutch team spot to Lansink

By Findlay Davidson

Jos Lansink, on Felix, became the final member of the Dutch show jumping team by winning the grand prix show at Rotterdam yesterday. Of the two riders with double clears over the courses set by Olaf Petersen, the Olympic course builder, he then repeated the feat.

Markus Fuchs, on his second string, Moet et Chandon Pushkin (the leading Swiss horses left after their Nations Cup victory to go into quarantine), retired after having a fence down.

In dressage, David Hunt, ineligible for the British Olympic team because of his professional status, on Maple Zenith, added the grand prix special to his World Cup and grand prix victories.

RESULTS: Rotterdam Harbour grand prix: 1, Felix (J Lansink, Neth); 2, Moet et Chandon Pushkin (M Fuchs, Switz); 3, Darco (L Philippaerts, Bel). British: 8, Next Gammon (J Whitaker); 14, Next Tees Hanauer (M Whitaker). Dressage grand prix special: 1, Maple Zenith (D Hunt, GB), 1,363pts; 2, Flair (H Munstermann, WG), 1,348; 3, Weingart (I Worth, WG), 1,338.
● Leslie Law pulled off his greatest triumph in the Piper Champagne intermediate championship with Cappamore at Locko Park, Derbyshire yesterday

Karen Straker, one of the five riders to represent Great Britain in Seoul, led the cross country on Fosseway Surprise, but put two show jumping fences down to drop her to third place

RESULTS: Piper champagne intermediate championship: 1, Cappamore (L Law), 55 faults; 2, Jacana (R Walker), 56; 3, Fosseway Surprise (K Straker), 58. Novice championship: 1, Solon King (J Spring), 28; 2, Park View (M Jealous), 30; 3, Morning Town (N Taylor), 30.

RUGBY UNION

Soviets prove too strong for Scots

From Chris Thau
Osseja, France

Scotland..... 10
Soviet Union..... 19

The confusion reigning over the second qualifier from pool A to the semi-finals of the students world cup in the south west of France was swiftly solved by a rampant Soviet Union, who dispatched Scotland by one goal, one try, three penalty goals to one try and two penalty goals, in a fast and often spectacular encounter in the Pyrenees mountains last night.

The Soviets — a virtually unknown entity two weeks ago — have added a Scottish scalp to their increasing collection and qualified for the Dax semi-final against the runners-up in pool B.

Yesterday's win has confirmed them as pool A champions on the strength of their sensational first round win over New Zealand, who take on the winners of pool B in Perpignan in the other semi-final on Thursday.

The Scots tried bravely to contain a physically stronger Soviet side and to their credit they managed to threaten their Soviet line on several occasions.

However, their forward effort lacked the cohesion and the confidence of previous appearances and, astonishingly, the Scottish back row — their most precious asset in their previous games — lost their rearguard battle to an outstanding Soviet loose trio of Charkov, Sokolov and Ovsianik. The Scots missed their back row man, Ian Dixon, badly.

The Soviets displayed the same incredible athleticism that made both New Zealand and England suffer in the previous rounds, and although prone to error under severe pressure they produced nonetheless some marvellous moments of running rugby. This Soviet side has unexpected resources of fitness and resilience, bearing in mind that they have been fielding a virtually unchanged side since their first game against New Zealand.

A rampant England annihilated Italy 41-0, scoring eight tries in the process. Unfortunately their impressive win has no bearing on the final table.

SCORERS: Scotland: Try: Glasgow. Pens: Glasgow (2). Soviet Union: Tries: M Charkov, A Andreev. Pens: N Dzagania (3). Con: N Dzagania 1.
SCOTLAND: G Dood; C Glasgow, A Glasgow, I Hams, S Walters; C Simmers, D Millard (capt); S Baird, C Bannerman, G Doran, A Buchanon-Smith, E Simpson, A MacDonald, S Urquhart, A Murray.
SOVIET UNION: N Dzaghidze; C Djanelidze, A Andreev, D Vinohodov, A Korokkhin; Y Nikolaev, A Proidov; B Samardin, S Mokchanov, A Kirpa (capt), M Charkov, S Sergeev, N Hvadar, A Sokolov, S Ovsianick.
Referee: C Doulcet (France).

ENGLAND: A Hobbs; S Hackney, C Laity, P de Glanville, T Underwood; P Jeffrey, A Buzza; V Ubogu, B Gilchrist (capt), A Mullins, S Kelly, P Rauh, T Swan, A Slick, J Green.
ITALY: D Marrama; G Banquini, A Barbe, S Parisdori, Marcello Cuttida; A Fusco, A Lugart; Massimo Cuttida, C Pratichetti, M Mozzato, R Saadi, G Longo, B D'Onofrio, P Reale (capt), C Covi.
Referee: A Megson (Scotland).

England 41, Italy 0 (H/T: 12-0)
Tries, A Buzza (2), S Hackney, T Underwood, P De Glanville, P Rauh, A Hobbs, V Ubogu. Conys, C Laity (3). Pen goal, C Laity.

Germans fall to a British double

By Joyce Whitehead

Britain's women, the only team to beat West Germany this year when they won at the invitation tournament at Essen in June, added two more satisfying victories over the Olympic and World Cup silver medal holders in the Lada Classic international tournament over the weekend. At Luton, they won 3-1 on Saturday and 2-0 yesterday.

On Saturday, three goals in the first half gave them an encouraging start. McLeod scored in the fifth minute, Nevill shot into an open goal in the fifteenth and Parker, with the help of Gillian Brown, added the third in the 23rd.

But the second half was disastrous. After three substitutions in two minutes, the defence fell to pieces and two forwards were insufficient to keep the ball in attack.

The Germans had 14 penalty corners, from one of which the ball landed in the gully of the stand roof behind the goal. Hallman, who had come on as a substitute, scored their only goal in the fiftieth minute. The German defence was not up to their usual standard.

Yesterday, Britain started with the team which drew with The Netherlands last week, excepting Banks, the Welsh goalkeeper, who replaced Cook.

The Germans, with Appel making her 200th international appearance, played better too.

Dixon, who missed Saturday's match, was much in evidence, as was Ramsay, and Banks saved well before Karen Brown scored the goal of her life.

She took a flat shot at a penalty corner, received the rebound from the prone German goalkeeper, and with great control lifted the ball into the net.

Nevill took a toss from the goalkeeper, who showed obvious fury at the resulting penalty stroke, but Dixon failed with a feeble shot. For the second goal, Parker was deservedly credited with the last touch on the ball which trickled past the German goalkeeper.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

COLOGNE: Weltklasse grand prix meeting: Men: 100m: 1, C Smith (US), 10.19sec; 2, D Mitchell (US), 10.27; 3, B Johnson (Can), 10.29. 800m: 1, S Aouita (Mor), 1:43.86; 2, J Cruz (Br), 1:44.27; 3, L Barbosa (Br), 1:44.47; 4, A Morrell (GB), 1:45.50. 400m hurdles: 1, D Harris (US), 48.37sec; 2, K Akabusi (GB), 48.89; 3, D Patrick (US), 49.05. 3,000m steeplechase: G Fell (Can), 8min 27.29sec. Triple jump: 1, T Prokhorin (USSR), 17.22m; 2, M Conley (US), 17.17; 3, W Zinser (WG), 17.01. High jump: J Sotomayor (Cuba), 2.31m. Pole vault: D Fraley (US), 5.80m. Shot: G Weill (Chile), 19.85m. Women: 200m: 1, D Young (US), 22.28sec. 1,500m: 1, D Melzer (Ger), 4:12.34.

NEW RIVER STADIUM, north London: GRE Gold Cup final: Men: 100m: J Henderson (Edinburgh Southern H), 10.44sec. 200m: M Adam (Belgrave H), 21.01. 400m: J Regis (Belgrave H), 46.57. 800m: S Heard (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 1min 48.83sec. 1,500m: C McGeorge (Blackheath H), 3:55.11. 5,000m: M Williams (Shaftesbury and Barnet H), 13:56.48. 10,000m: J Goater (Shaftesbury and Barnet H), 30:07.06. 3,000m steeplechase: J Sherban (Shaftesbury B), 9:01.00. 110m hurdles: A Jarrett (Haringey), 13.46. 400m hurdles: L Antolina (Birchfield H), 51.53. High jump: D Grant (Haringey), 2.25m. Long jump: S Faulkner (Birchfield H), 8.04. Triple jump: J Herbert (Haringey), 16.59. Pole vault: K Stock (Haringey), 5.00. Shot: G Savory (Blackheath H), 17.65. Discus: G Savory, 57.36. Javelin: M Roberson (Haringey), 77.56. Hammer: M Milsham (Haringey), 71.90. 4 x 100m relay: Haringey, 39.87. 4 x 400m relay: Birchfield, 3:11.86. Match result: 1, Haringey 124 points; 2, Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers 109; 3, Wolverhampton and Bilston 100; 4, Birchfield Harriers 95½; 5, Thames Valley Harriers 86; 6, Belgrave Harriers 81; 7, Blackheath Harriers 75½; 8 Edinburgh Southern Harriers 67. Women: GRE Jubilee Cup final: 100m: P Dunn (Stretford), 11.12sec. 200m: Dunn, 23.08. 400m: D Edwards (Sale H), 54.31. 800m: T Howland (Sale), 2:07.18. 1,500m: A Williams (Sale), 4:25.22. 3,000m: J Holland (Sale), 9:35.56. 100m hurdles: S Gunnell (Essex L), 13.00. 400m hurdles: S Ladlow (Hounslow), 58.63. High jump: C Summerfield (Birchfield H), 1.80m. Long jump: M Berkeley (Croydon H), 6.55. Shot: J Oakes (Croydon), 19.13. Discus: V Head (Cardiff), 55.90. Javelin: J Harding (Stretford), 47.48. 4 x 100m relay: Stretford, 45.88. 4 x 400m relay: Essex L, 3:39.17. Result: 1, Stretford 88; 2, Essex Ladies 75; 3, Sale Harriers 77; 4, Birchfield Harriers 73; Borough of Hounslow 72½; 6, Croydon Harriers 69½; 7, Cardiff 55; 8, Glasgow 40.

NEW RIVER STADIUM: GRE men's plate final: 100m: T Bennett (Team Solent), 10.92sec. 200m: Bennett, 21.15. 400m: P Sanders (Team Solent), 47.92. Hammer: G Callow (Medway), 61.46m. Teams: 1, Swansea 121½pts; 2, Team Solent, 104; 3, Bournemouth 101. Women: 100m: A Innes (Leicester), 11.87sec. 200m: W Jeal (Hamley), 24.01. 100m hurdles: C Rodgers (Lisburn), 13.54. Shot: Y Hanson-Harney (Hallamshire), 15.19m. Discus: J McKernan (Lisburn) 53.58m (Northern Ireland record). Teams: 1, Haringey 98pts; 2, Lisburn 83½; 3, Leicester 77.

CWMBRAN: Junior international (GB unless stated): Men: 100m: 1, O Bettex (Switz), 10.57sec; 2, N Stickings, 10.68; 3, D Game, 10.82. 200m: 1, M Richardson, 21.00; 2, W McDonald, 21.36. 400m: 1, P Sinclair (Ire), 47.79; 3, E Williams, 49.36; 5, A Patrick, 50.09. 800m: 1, A Erni (Switz), 1min 51.67sec; 2, P Burgess, 1:51.73; 3, M Forder, 1:51 84. 1500m: 1, N O'Brien (Ire), 3:50.19; 4, G Burren, 3:53.42; 5, B Ferren, 3:55.73. 5,000m: 1, C Reidel (Switz), 14:30.67; 3, S Brooks, 14:51.79; 4, A Jones, 14:58.07. 2,000m steeplechase: 1, S Duval, 5:57.69; 3, A O'Connor, 6:04.67. 110m hurdles: 1, T Kearns (Ire), 13.91sec (Irish record); 4, A Gill, 15.2; 5, L Ajayi, 15.42. 400m hurdles: 1, J-F Zbinden (Switz), 52.78; 2, R Taylor, 53.61; 3, N Bourne, 56.96. Race walk: 1, G Holloway, 22min 19.15sec; 2, J Vincent, 22:40.20. 4 x 100m relay: Switzerland, 41.61sec. 4 x 400m relay: Great Britain, 3min 14.50sec. High jumps: 1, M Lindo, 2.06m; 3, T Blakeway, 1.98. Pole vault: 1, M Lubbers (Switz), 4.50m; 4, M Hodgkinson, 4.20; 5, M Grant, 4.00. Long jump: 1, K Liddington, 7.60m; 3, W Griffith, 7.36. Triple jump: 1, J Campbell, 15.51m; 4, P Trepp, 14.84. Shot: 1, V Costello (Ire), 18.44; 2, N Brunning, 15.70; 3, N Spratley, 15.55. Discus: 1, N Brunning, 49.32; 3, C Symonds, 48.08. Hammer: 1, J Syme, 62.92; 6, P Vivian, 45.50. Javelin: 1, P Hallet (Switz), 66.32; 4, K Cottrell, 59.52; 5, J Baldwin 52.16. Women: 100m: 1, S Wuest (Switz), 11.64sec; 2, K Merry, 11.79; 5, R Chinyou, 11.97. 200m: S Wuest (Switz), 24.26. 400m: P Walsh (Ire), 55.18. 800m: N Tait, 2min 10.54sec. 1,500m: L York, 4:31.92. 3,000m: 1, S Teschopp (Switz), 9:33.15; 2, K Holmes, 9:37.75; 5, S Lam 34; D Gregory 10; G Wasson 21; J Tiley 13; M London 17; P Bramlield 17; I Spoor 30; D Bryant 16; J Knox 15; I Middlemast 24; J Ferguson 18; A Aosey 17. Lincolnshire stops first): G Pasdiat 28; A Garcia 18; D Boone 19; G Smyth 21; W Hobart 29; J Hanton 10. J Goode 23; S Halmal 15; B Bridge 17; A Bennett 15; M Trow 18; A Lines 18.

LEAMINGTON: Liverpool Victoria insurance women's national championships: Pairs: Final: M Elliott and M Wellington (Kingsbridge, Devon) bt S Francis and M Attenson (Broomfield, Maldon), 24-15. Under-25s: Final: C Amon (Peterborough) bt J Paine (Waltham Abbey), 21-2. Mother and daughter: Final: N Briggs and J Thomas (Sherwood, Notts) bt V Holloway and S Worsley (Waltham Abbey), 26-15.
IPSWICH: Eastern Counties League: Suffolk 109, Hertfordshire 125.
OXFORD: Home Counties League: Oxfordshire 127, Berkshire 122.
LEICESTER: Midland Counties League: Leicestershire 124, Nottinghamshire 111.
County matches: Northamptonshire 130, Bedfordshire 107; Worcestershire 153, Buckinghamshire 81.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE (VFL): North Melbourne 16.17 (113), Sydney 14.17 (101); Hawthorn 18 15 (123), St Kilda 11.12 (78); Essendon 19.14 (128), Melbourne 13.12 (90); Fitzroy 19.13 (127), Footscray 17.11 (113); Geelong 22.14 (146), Richmond 16.12 (108); Carlton 13.22 (100) Brisbane 14.13 (97); West Coast Eagles 16.15 (111), Collingwood 7.9 (51).

Premiership ladder

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Hawthorn	18	3	0	2697	1873	139.2
Carlton	15	6	0	2276	1865	122.0
Collingwood	14	6	1	1825	1634	111.3
West Coast	12	9	0	2146	1943	110.8
Melbourne	12	9	0	1907	1895	100.6
Essendon	11	10	0	2102	1952	107.7
Footscray	11	10	0	1851	1750	105.8
Sydney Sw	11	10	0	2088	2099	99.5
Geelong	10	11	0	2262	2117	106.8
N Melbourne	7	13	1	2272	2454	92.6
Fitzroy	7	14	0	2074	2281	87.1
Richmond	7	14	0	2004	2485	80.6
Brisbane B	7	14	0	1729	2340	73.8
St Kilda	4	17	0	1643	1997	82.3

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HONG KONG: Hong Kong Open: Men's singles: Semi-finals: Yang Yang (China) bt A Wirianata (Indo), 15-5, 15-4; Sugiarto (Indo) bt Wenas (Indo), 15-5, 15-2. Final: Icuk Sugiarto (Indo) bt Yang Yang (China), 7-15, 15-1, 15-11. Women's singles: Semi-finals: L Young Suk (S Kor) bt Sheng Fumei (China), 10-12, 11-3, 11-7; Han Aiping (China) bt Lee Jung Mi (S Kor) 11-5 11-4. Final: Lee Young Suk (S Kor) bt Han Aiping (China), 8-11, 11-1, 11-8. Men's doubles: Semi-finals: Lee Sang Bok and Lee Kwang Jin (S Kor) bt R Sidek and J Sidek (Mal), 15-9, 15-12; Sowal Chanseoransee and Saiuspee Thongsari (Thai) bt Huang Zhen and He Xiang Yang (China), 9-15, 15-9, 15-11. Final: Lee Sang Bong and Lee Kwang Jin (S Kor) bt Sawal Chanseoransee and Saiuspee Thonsari (Thai), 15-5, 17-14. Women's doubles: Semi-finals: Lin Ying and Guan Weizhen (China) bt H Troke and G Gowers (Eng), 15-5, 15-4; Han Aiping and Shang Fumei (China) bt Amy Chan and Chan Ma Wa (Hong Kong), 17-15, 15-2. Final: Lin Ying and Guan Weizhen (China) bt Han Aiping and Shang Fumei (China), 15-10, 15-4. Mixed doubles: Semi-finals: Park Joo Bong and Chung Myung Hee (S Kor) bt M Johnson and G Gowers (Eng), 15-7, 18-7; Chan Chi Choi and Amy Chan (Hong Kong) bt Jesper Knudsen and Nettie Nielson (Den) 15-5 15-11. Final: Park Joo Bong and Chung Myung Hee (S Kor) bt Chan Chi Choi and Amy Chan (Hong Kong), 15-7, 15-8.

EQUESTRIANISM

DRUMLANRIG CASTLE: Driving Trials: Horse teams: 1, David Saunders; 2, John Richards. Pony tandem: 1, Ann Varley; 2, Margaret Brocke. Horse tandems: 1, Tommy Fawcet; 2, Carol Boswell. Horse pairs: 1, Mary Matthews; 2, Deidre Gordon. Pony pairs: 1, Jill Hoian; 2, Carol Mansfield. Single pony: 1, Abie McMann; 2, Mick Bale. Single horses: 1, Louise Russe (show champion); 2, Helen Rogerson.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Friday: New York Yankees 5, Seattle Mariners 3, 2nd game 6-1, Baltimore Orioles 3, California Angels 1; Detroit Tigers 5, Chicago White Sox 4; Cleveland Indians 4, Kansas City Royals 2; Milwaukee Braves 7, Toronto Blue Jays 4; Boston Red Sox 7, Oakland A's 6. Saturday: Kansas City 4, Cleveland 2; Milwaukee 8, Toronto 1; Boston 7, Oakland 5; Seattle 9, New York 5; Baltimore 3, California 2 (11 innings); Detroit 2, Chicago 1; Texas Rangers 3, Minnesota Twins 2. National League: Friday: Chicago Cubs 8, Atlanta Braves 7; Houston Astros 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; St Louis Cardinals 10, Cincinnati Reds 4; San Diego Padres 3, New York Mets 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 2, Montreal Expos 0; San Francisco Giants 8, Philadelphia Phillies 2. Saturday: Pittsburgh 2, Houston 1; Cincinnati 6, St Louis 2; Chicago 5, Atlanta 4; San Francisco 4, Philadelphia Los Angeles 4, Montreal 3.

BOWLS

WORTHING: Middleton Cup final: Northumberland 126, Lincolnshire 117. (Rink scores, Northumberland skips first): S Lant 24, G Pas

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Gooch would be ill-advised to go to South Africa

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

For all the tight-lipped denials issuing from English players and South African officials last night, cricket is facing another untimely embarrassment over the disclosure of plans for an international single-wicket competition in the Republic next month.

Graham Gooch, due to captain England against Sri Lanka this week and sure to retain the job in India this winter if he confirms his availability, has admitted he is among those who have been offered terms to appear in the two-day tournament in Northern Transvaal.

Tim Robinson, recalled to the England team three days ago, has also been approached; but Chris Broad and Allan Lamb deny any involvement while David Gower says he has received and rejected an offer.

It is, of course, the potential involvement of Gooch which will most concern the officers of the Test and County Cricket Board. At a time when the England team management appears to be winning the battle to persuade him to change his mind and go on tour, another clandestine visit to South Africa would be a disaster. If nothing else, it would sabotage the fragile peace existing between black and white nations over this issue.

Gooch's stance is this: "I have not signed a contract but I wouldn't be breaking any rules if I did." In its most simplistic form, he is unarguably right. He would be travelling and competing as an individual, rather than representing any rebel team, and this does not breach the British interpretation of the Gleneagles Agreement.

In the context of international sport and politics, however, Gooch cannot believe that his participation would be treated as innocent or irrelevant. Assuming he had by then agreed to lead

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England in India, it would probably lead to the tour being abandoned and would inject unwanted victual to the International Cricket Conference debate on links with South Africa, due to be resumed in January.

Gooch, as I understand it, was already due to have talks with TCCB officials later this week over various aspects of the Indian tour. It may safely be assumed that one reason for his prevarication, when pressed on the matter, has been the knowledge that he has a potentially sensitive option available.

Jack Bannister, secretary of the Cricketers' Association, last night reiterated the official line applying to anyone who has received an offer: "They all know the consequences if they go as part of a formal team but the current situation is that players can go there on an individual basis in line with the established agreement between the association and the TCCB.

"While some people might think it is an insensitive action to visit South Africa prior to a tour of India, the players would be breaking no rules and therefore would be within their rights to go." The unstated inference is that any player taking part, and subsequently punished in any way, might have a legal case, a situation everyone should want to avoid.

Ali Bacher, managing director of the South African Cricket Union, stresses that the competition is not being staged by his administration. Its priority is the celebration of the country's Test centenary, to be held in Johannesburg in March, and it is anxious not to jeopardize the global impact it believes this event can have.

It is believed that players have been offered £8,000 a man to play in the single-wicket tournament, which is not an enormous fee by South African standards. The reaction of the England tour manager, Peter Lush, is that players selected for the Indian tour would be prevented from going to South Africa by their tour contracts.

In practice, this hardly holds water. Last year, for instance, several players, including the captain, Mike Gatting, did not even sign their contracts until the tour was under way.

If, however, Gooch is serious about his ambitions to captain England over the next 12 months, climaxing in the defence of the Ashes, he should abandon all thoughts of flirting once more with the political minefield of South African cricket. Any other player wishing to preserve his immediate Test future should do the same.



Beaten again: Ben Johnson, the world champion, right, trails Calvin Smith at the end of 100 metres in Cologne yesterday

Aouita hones another skill

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Cologne

Said Aouita just gets better, and better . . . and better. And Steve Cram, Peter Elliott, and anyone else with designs on Olympic middle-distance medals, will draw little consolation from Aouita's latest exploit, on a cool, wet and otherwise lacklustre afternoon in the Mungersdofer Stadium here yesterday.

Having intimidated Johnny Gray, the fastest man in the world this year, by beating him in Brussels on Friday, in a personal best 1min 44.63sec for the 800 metres, the Olympic 5,000 metres champion ran even faster here, to win in 1min 43.8sec, a comfortable two metres ahead of Joaquim Cruz, the Olympic champion.

Again, though, it was the manner of Aouita's victory which was most impressive, and testifies to a racing intelligence which will serve him even better than his massive talent when the gold medals are being decided.

He was only tenth of 11 at 200 metres, and still 10 metres behind when the pacemaker passed the bell in 50.11sec; Aouita was closer to 51sec. He then went on to give more than adequate testimony to the dictum that 800 metres races are won by the athlete who slows down least on the second lap. He caught Cruz and Jose-Luis Barbosa with 80 metres to go, then eased ahead to another personal best.

Aouita also seems to have the Olympic Games worked out. Although refusing to openly admit that he is going to run the 800 metres as well as the 1,500 metres at Seoul, everything he said after the race tended to that belief, and nothing more so than his opinion that: "The Olympic final will be won in between 1min 42.5sec and 1min 42.6sec. And I will be there ready for that!".

There was, as usual, much more from Aouita; in illuminating contrast to Ben Johnson. The Canadian is a monosyllabic character at the best of times. Yesterday was the worst of times for the world 100 metres champion and record holder. He lost again, for the second time in five days, and said nothing.

He looked much worse than in Zurich against Carl Lewis. Johnson got only a mediocre start yesterday, and his pick-up was sufficient only to keep him ahead of the field until 70 metres. Calvin Smith, who had also beaten him in Zurich, did so again, and much more impressively. Because, when Smith passed him this time, Johnson virtually gave up, allowing Dennis Mitchell to beat him as well.

The times were not impressive either. Smith won in 10.16sec; Mitchell ran 10.27sec and Johnson, on 10.29sec, was only 0.02sec ahead of the fifth man. That is an indication of the amount of work, following his injury, that Johnson needs to do if he is going to upset Lewis in Seoul.

Kriss Akabusi is consolidating himself as a consistant sub-49sec 400 metres hurdler. He finished second to Danny Harris yesterday in 48.89sec. But that, as he recognizes himself, is not good enough. He said: "I ran 48.67 in Zurich and was beaten by two Americans who are not even going to the Games. They are capable of 47.7sec, and I've just got to get up to them. I've run around this time on so many occasions that I must be better than this. I do rise to the big occasion, so hopefully I will get it together in Seoul."

The organizers of this latest Mobil Grand Prix meeting are recognized for bringing in athletes from lesser-known countries. One success was Mohamed Al Malki, of Oman, who won the 400 metres from a world-class field in 44.90sec. Al Malki is coached by Tudor Bidder, a Welshman who obtained his post after answering an advertisement placed in an athletics magazine by the Omani athletics federation.

Waitz goes to Seoul

Oslo (Reuter) – Grete Waitz, of Norway, the 1983 world women's marathon champion, said yesterday she had decided to compete in the Olympic Games in Seoul after having a cartilage operation on her right knee.

"It's not an easy decision, but I've decided to give it a try," Waitz, the 1984 Olympic silver medal winner, told Reuters.

Waitz, aged 34, had an inflamed cartilage removed 10 days ago and began training on asphalt last week.

"My knee has improved a lot in the last two or three days, and I hope to be training 100 per cent before the games," she said.

Injury to Barnett is unkind break

By Martin Searby

Kim Barnett, the Derbyshire captain who is due to make his England debut on Thursday, must consider the fates are conspiring against him.

After missing the fifth Test against West Indies following an injury to his right thumb, sustained in a Refuge Assurance league match, he was again in the wars at Old Trafford yesterday in the Sunday league match against Lancashire.

His nose was broken by a drive from Hayhurst which bounced awkwardly on the rutted square

Barnett, aged 28, was taken to hospital for an X-ray which showed a crack in the bone and he will have two black eyes, but constant treatment should reduce the swelling and ensure he is not forced to withdraw from the match against Sri Lanka at Lords.

"My breathing is all right and it is not painful at the moment" Barnett said. "I shall not field in the championship match and if the swelling stays down I am hopeful of playing in the Test. I have only missed two matches in four years

Woosnam shows a ruthless streak after poor season

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Dublin

Ian Woosnam restored his ailing reputation by capturing the Carrolls Irish Open golf championship with a performance that smacked of sheer character on the windswept links of Portmarnack here yesterday.

His victory by seven strokes, achieved with a final round of 70, came little more than a week after he turned his back in despair on the US PGA championship. Then, the Welshman, complaining of a headache, left the course after 27 holes when he was 11 over par.

Compared with 1987, when he was a model of consistency, it has been an unpredictable season for Woosnam. Then he achieved nine victories to accelerate his earnings in 12 months to a record of more than £1 million.

Woosnam lost his form in Australia at the start of the year as he experimented with a new set of clubs, and later failed to master the American courses, so becoming a victim of the half-way cut in five successive tournaments.

His pride was wounded by these depressing results, but not deeply enough to stop him from following in the footsteps of Severiano Ballesteros (1983) and Bernhard Langer (1987) by winning the PGA championship and the Irish Open in the same year.

Woosnam, who claimed the first prize of £38,689 with a 10-under-par total of 278, has won £114,321 this season and is convinced he could still overhaul Ballesteros (£210,168) in the Volvo Order of Merit.

He said: "There are several big-money tournaments to come and so I think I have a chance. I needed to win here and I would not have done so without the help of Bob Torrance. He gave me back my confidence on the practice range."

Woosnam has broken the five-year stranglehold that Ballesteros (1983, 1985 and 1986) and Langer (1984 and 1987) held on the Irish Open. He made a tentative start in the blustery conditions, chipping into a bunker at the first and dropping another shot by taking three putts at the third.

Thereafter he produced an almost flawless exhibition. His victory was reminiscent of the way Langer cantered home by 10 strokes 12 months ago.

He showed no sympathy for his rivals, holing from 15 feet for birdies at the fifth and sixth holes, stretched his lead by coaxing the ball home from eight feet at the 10th and made another birdie with a pitch to five feet at the 16th.

By that time only the question of who would come second remained. Four players tied, with Nick Faldo taking 73 to finish alongside Des Smyth (73) and Manuel Piñero (73), and José-María Olazábal (75), the Spaniards.

Woosnam added: "Now nobody can call me a one-season wonder. I've won two tournaments this year it has been a long and difficult season because of all the travelling. The way I see it is that I've won the Irish Open and on top of that the best tournament, the PGA, outside of our Open in Europe.

"My form last season was so fantastic that I could have walked across water. It has not been that way this year but there is still a long way to go and who knows what I can still achieve by the end of the year."

Card of the course

Hole	Yards	Par	Hole	Yards	Par
1	392	4	10	373	4
2	378	4	11	425	4
3	384	4	12	148	3
4	445	4	13	564	5
5	398	4	14	393	4
6	501	5	15	186	3
7	184	3	16	514	5
8	398	4	17	472	4
9	436	4	18	417	4
Out	3,616	36	In	3,493	36

Total yardage: 7,109 Par: 72

LEADING FINAL SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 278: I Woosnam, 68, 70, 70, 70; 285: D Smyth, 68, 73, 71, 73; J M Olazábal, (Sp), 66, 70, 74, 75; M Piñero (Sp), 69, 68, 75, 73; N Faldo, 71, 68, 73, 73. 286: M Sludds, 70, 72, 71, 73; R Chapman, 73, 71, 69, 73; P Walton, 69, 68, 75, 74; E Darcy, 69, 68, 75, 74. 287: M James, 75, 69, 71, 72; P Mitchell, 70, 70, 74, 73; M Roe, 71, 70, 75, 71. 288: M Pendarles (Fr), 76, 69, 72, 71. 289: G J Brand, 70, 69, 73, 77; C Parry (Aus), 71, 71, 74, 73; 'E O'Connell, 69, 73, 76, 72. 290: A Lyle, 69, 71, 73, 77; C Strange (US), 71, 72, 73, 74; A Oldcorn, 73, 73, 72, 72; T Charnley, 69, 73, 75, 73.

* denotes amateur

Boxer dies in hospital after bout

San Jose, California (AP) – A Los Angeles boxer, Rico Velazquez, died on Saturday after suffering a cerebral haemorrhage after being knocked out in a California State lightweight title bout the previous evening.

Dr Jeff Gutman, who helped operate on Velazquez at San Jose Hospital, said that after the boxer was declared brain-dead on Saturday, life support systems were to have been withdrawn after consultations with the family.

"He had a cerebral haemorrhage that caused brain swelling that ended his life," Gutman said. "We did everything we could but his brain was too badly injured."

Velazquez, aged 22, the defending champion from Baldwin Park, collapsed seconds after the referee had stepped in to stop the contest against challenger, David Gonzales, in the eighth round. He had taken a battering throughout the bout.

"I asked him how he felt," the referee, Henry Elespuru, said. "He told me he was fine, but after taking a couple of steps to his corner, he slipped out of my hands to the canvas."

The ringside physician, Dr Joseph Calcagno, who treated Velazquez, said he was unconscious as soon as he hit the canvas. "You could say he was in a coma," Calcagno said. "But he never did show any signs of lack of oxygen. And by the time they took him out on the stretcher, he was breathing pretty well."

Before the contest was ended, Velazquez had been knocked down three times. He had put on a courageous show but the match was controlled from the beginning by Gonzales, of San Jose.

Dismissals mar testimonial

By Clive White

West Ham United 2
Tottenham Hotspur 0

It is a measure of the pressure and tension within the game these days that this testimonial match for Alvin Martin should be marred by the sending off of two players at Upton Park yesterday. But on the positive side, it was a pleasure to watch two teams play with as much commitment as if there had been three league points at stake.

That being the case, this "friendly" was a revealing dress rehearsal for both clubs just six days before the curtain rises on the season proper. When it goes up it will be no surprise to yesterday's audience of 12,650 to discover that West Ham have learned their lines rather better than Tottenham. But then Spurs, who aspire to a leading role in the coming season's drama, have rather more lines to learn.

Their task was further complicated yesterday by the decision to leave out Stewart, their new £1.7 million forward, who misses the first four games of the season through suspension, and a stomach upset to Gascoigne, their other major summer signing, who had to be substituted after 52 minutes. But by then Gascoigne had already gone some way in giving the best sort of reply to the kind of crowd hostility he can expect to receive throughout the season as the added "bonus" of unwanted publicity.

Venables was not too disconcerted by his team's fourth defeat in five domestic preseason matches. "It was a good solid performance," he said. "Lots of things were better – except for the two corners," he said.

For the opening half hour Tottenham played the more fluid football but without any end result. They were again betrayed by defensive shortcomings, notably at right back. West Ham might have gone ahead through Kelly, their new signing, and Rosenior before Gale gave them the lead with a 25-yard drive which Martin, his centre back partner, must have appreciated. It was from another corner by Keen, the man of the match, that Hilton sealed the victory with his first touch of the game.

Tackles from both sides continued to fly in with rather more fury than either manager could have cared for. It all came to a head in the 52nd minute when Dicks, who had succeeded in rubbing not a few people up the wrong way, clashed fiercely with Allen, the former West Ham favourite, and Mr Vickers promptly found his diplomatic solution.

WEST HAM UTD: T McAlister (sub: A McKnight); S Potts (sub: A Devonshire), J Dicks (sub: P Ince), A Gale, A Martin, K Keen, M Ward (sub: P Hilton), G Parris, L Rosenior (sub: ' S Slater), D Kelly, S Robson.

TOTTENHAM: R Minns; B Statham, C Hughton, T Fenwick, C Fairclough, G Mabbutt; P Walsh, P Gascoigne (sub: D Howells), C Waddle (sub: P Moran), V Samways, P Allen.

Referee: D Vickers.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Home for Linfield

Linfield, banned from playing their next two European cup games at Windsor Park, Belfast, have been cleared to stage their UEFA Cup home leg against Turun, of Finland, at Wrexham on October 5.

The ban was a punishment for crowd trouble during last year's European Cup tie against Lillestrom, of Norway.

Jones ahead

Steve Jones, overlooked by Britain's Olympic marathon selectors, beat two compatriots selected for Seoul – Kevin Forster and Charlie Spedding – in finishing fifth in the Falmouth seven-mile road-race in Massachusetts.



Nicklaus: $5 million fortune

Golden bear

Bruce Lietzke won the third round of the international golf tournament at Denver Colorado, scoring 14 points under the modified stableford system, but Jack Nicklaus, aged 48, made history when his three points, worth $5,275 (£3,100) and 34th place, made him the first player to earn over $5 million in a career.

Curtis close

Steve Curtis, of Britain, driving a catamaran, yesterday finished third in the seventh round of the European Offshore Powerboating Championships at Poole. Eduardo Polli, of Italy, won.

RESULTS: Class 1: 1, E Polli (It), 1hr 35min 39sec, 58.736kph; 2, B Abbess (It), 1:38.09, 57.500; 3, S Curtis (GB), 1:44.24, 54.57.

Devoy voyage

Susan Devoy, the world squash champion from New Zealand, is to walk the length of her home country to raise money for muscular dystrophy sufferers. The 1,400-mile walk will begin in October. Ian Botham, who inspired her, will be invited to walk part of the route.

Herbert hurt in Brands crash

By David Tremayne

Johnny Herbert, the outstanding candidate to become Britain's next Formula One motor racing driver, was seriously hurt in a crash at Brands Hatch yesterday. After a 180mph collision on the fast part of the Kent circuit, he was taken to hospital in nearby Sidcup where his condition was described as stable.

Herbert's life was said not to be in danger but first reports suggested that injuries to both his legs were as serious as those which ended the career of the French Formula One driver, Didier Pironi, in qualifying for the 1982 German Grand Prix.

The 1987 British Formula 3 champion, aged 24, from Romford, went into the race in third position in the Formula 3000 championship and was challenging for the title with five rounds, including Brands, to go.

The accident happened on the first lap of a restart after the race had been stopped following 23 laps because Roberto Moreno, the championship leader, from Brazil, and Gregor Foitek, of Switzerland, collided.

Herbert was approaching Hawthorns side by side with Foitek's Lola. The two cars touched and the Lola somersaulted. Herbert's Reynard spun sideways across the track and was struck by the Lola of the Frenchman, Olivier Grouillard.

Foitek miraculously escaped with minor head injuries and a broken right hand. Grouillard was later discharged from the circuit's medical centre. Herbert, however, was trapped for 25 minutes as rescuers cut away his car's carbon fibre chassis. Herbert remained conscious throughout his ordeal.

When Herbert and Foitek touched seven other cars were also involved though no other driver was hurt.

When the race was restarted for the second time Martin Donnelly, of Britain, drove superbly to win from the Italian grand prix driver, Pier-Luigi Martini, and Mark Blundell of Britain.

END COLUMN

Why it is not quite cricket

By Jack Bailey

In addressing myself to the problems presented by the MCC committee's letter to those thousands on the waiting list for MCC membership, I am aware of the inevitable comparison to be drawn with the former member of Government who, having retired to the back benches, spends his time sniping at the current leadership.

I will just have to risk it. The fact is that I feel strongly that a mistake has been made, an injustice done, which is out of keeping with the traditional values with which the club has been rightly associated during its 200 years.

I refer to the letter recently received by those on the waiting list for membership and to which the recipient is expected to reply by September 1, enclosing a cheque for £50. What has happened is an embarrassment, not only for the candidate, but for the member who proposed or seconded him.

At the time of his proposal the candidate could have been made aware that there was an inordinately long waiting list for membership.

According to custom, he would have been entered on that list with the knowledge that his turn would come in the fullness of time and then, and only then, would his suitability for election be assessed by the MCC committee.

Stumping up £50 to stay in queue

Apart from those who qualified as cricketers good enough to represent the club, nobody would be allowed to vault over him. His place in the queue was secure.

This same candidate has now been informed that the rules have changed. In order to retain his place, he will have to stump up £50. True, when the time comes (assume, for the sake of argument, that this will be in 1998), this £50 will be deducted from his entrance fee, always provided that he is elected.

By then his £50, even if most conservatively invested, will be worth at least £100 to the club, but not to him. What is more, the poor fellow, having gone through the proper electoral procedures in 1998, could well be turned down for whatever good reason, but his £50 (now £100) will, according to the letter received, in no circumstances be refunded.

Whatever calumnies may or may not have been laid at MCC's door over the years, it is rare for a charge of making a quick buck, regardless of the resentment thus engendered, to be one of them.

Retrospective action such as is now proposed, which affects not the present membership, who would have some means of redress, but those without any say in the club's affairs, is doubly dangerous. On the one hand lies the alienation of those men of principle who may not be short of the odd £50 but strongly object to the rules being changed when the match has already started.

Knowing the likely waiting time

These are the very people MCC needs as members, who will serve the club loyally in the future; on the other hand there is an indefinable feeling that MCC, of all the clubs in the world, is fostering something which is not cricket. Nor is it right that the man who says he will pay up happily in order to claw his way up the list should benefit in that way. The power of the pound is strong but it should not influence the position of those aspiring to membership of MCC.

How much better it would have been in the interests of fair play and for the good name of MCC if the committee had taken a different line.

By all means seek confirmation that in all the present circumstances the candidate wishes to remain on the list. At the same time make it clear to all new candidates what the likely waiting time will be.

Ask all new candidates for a registration fee of £50 as an earnest of their intent. Since £50 is half the 1989 entrance fee, make it clear that his payment will count as 50 per cent of the entrance fee in force when he is elected, thus ensuring that its value is maintained.

Is it too late for the MCC committee to think again? It is reported that it meets this week. The Lord's Test match starts on Thursday. There is surely time for the matter to be reviewed. For the sake of MCC and its future, I hope it will be.

● Jack Bailey was secretary of MCC from 1974 to 1987.

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